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The photogravures section of the Post-Dispatch carried pictures of the Stephens College girls in Mexico City. The facial expressions of the girls when witnessing the bull fight show excitement, horor, faces hidden and girls weeping for the bull when he was brought to his knees, then to his death. If he could healize the tears shed by these pretty girls over his passing he would have died happy.

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Bob Mow has been confined to his bed for several days with a deep cold caught while he was assisting in dehorning some cattle at his farm. Dr. McClure is attending him. Nood Sewell, the negro porter at his store, told some of his friends that Dr. Olds was with him when he got bull hurt. Dr. Olds was the veterinarian who performed the dehorning operations.

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A drunken driver was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary and taken there by the sheriff at Paris, Mo. This is just about the first time one of these drunken animals has been sent to the penitentiary that we remember of reading about. More of them should get this same medicine and perhaps fewer would drive when drinking or drunk.

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You cannot always believe what you read in Sikeston's second paper. Headline read: "Stark favored by Democrats," while the tail paragraph stated: "A majority of the delegates favoring Senator Bennett C. Clark." The fact is 12 favored Senator Clark while 5 favored Governor Stark. The unit rule was adopted which gives the entire delegation to Senator Clark for chairman of the Missouri delegation at the National Convention. This from Scott County.

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Complaint has been made to The Standard office that campers along the roadside of the old Blodgett road now known as the Sand road, are becoming a nuisance. Appeals have been made to the officials of the Sikeston Special Road District to move them from this camping ground but to date no action has been taken.

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Over 90 per cent of the farmers in the 19 cotton-producing states voted in favor of marketing quotas in a recent referendum held by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. This is a fact to tell some of your friends who say that the farmer is opposed to the New Deal's agricultural program.

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M. Frankle, a respected citizen of New Madrid and prominent business man, died in a Memphis Hospital Thursday morning and was buried in that city. Mr. Frankle was born in Russia in 1864, came to the United States when 20 years old and settled in New Madrid in 1900, where he engaged in the mercantile business that is still a going concern.

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Over the Scott County Milling Co.'s special wire at 1:00 o'clock Saturday afternoon news came that heavy downpour of rain over the dust bowl had caused wheat to go off 3 cents per bushel. As we have neither wheat nor a dust bowl this news will not affect either our pocketbook nor our belly.

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If a motorist drove eight hours a day, and averaged 40 miles an hour, he would have to travel 26 years before he covered all the highways in the United States.

C. C. White Dies After Long Illness

Sikeston lost one of its foremost philanthropists and civic leaders in the death Sunday at 9:15 a. m. of C. C. White, owner of White's Drug store. He was 69.

Mr. White, who had been in the drug business here for a quarter of a century, perhaps was more widely known for his charities and ironically his familiar role as a Good Samaritan probably hastened his death.

He had been ill since the first of the year when he was engaged as a member of the Odd Fellows lodge in finding suitable lodging for an elderly man who was down and out. This task took up several days and was not deterred until satisfactory arrangements had been made despite the fact that he was suffering from influenza and his mission took him out in cold, sleeting weather. He never recovered from the illness.

Mingling an interest in his fellow man with business, he never turned away a poor man from his store because he lacked funds to pay for having a prescription filled.

He served two terms as mayor of Sikeston, being drafted at the outset to fill an unexpired term. Several years were spent as representative in the state legislature. He was a member of the Democratic party.

Besides his lodge work, he was active in Red Cross work and in the affairs of the Methodist church, where he was a steward.

In addition to ownership of the drug store on New Madrid Street, he was an owner of rental city property.

Death came at the residence at 505 North Kingshighway. Mr. White had returned two weeks ago from Barnes hospital at St. Louis where he had sought medical treatment. His fatal illness was his first. He was a man of friendly and cheerful disposition.

He was born May 2, 1870 at Bertrand, where he was reared. His first business venture was a drug store at that town. He subsequently owned drug stores at Cardwell and New Madrid.

Mr. White was married at Bertrand on April 24, 1895 to Miss Tillie White, who died about a year later.

He was married Dec. 25, 1902 at New Madrid to Miss Nancy Alice Work of that city. She survives him.

There were no children but Mr. and Mrs. White partially reared four children of a sister of Mrs. White who had died. The four were Sidney and Fred Schillig of Sikeston and Mrs. Helen Clement and Miss Marie Schillig of St. Louis.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. today from the Methodist church with the Rev. J. H. Taylor, pastor, conducting the rites. Burial will be in city cemetery. The Welsh Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Other survivors are a sister, Mrs. C. L. Whitener, Fredericktown; and four brothers, Pitt of Bertrand, Claude of Oklahoma City, R. C. of St. Louis and Edgar White of Sikeston.

40 Youths From Scott County Enroll in CCC

Forty Scott county boys were enrolled in the Civilian Conservation Corps at New Madrid Friday.

Of the total, 28 have had no prior service in the CCC. They are Manual Armsby, Floyd C. Ates, Earl J. Buchanon, Joseph Buhs, Lowell J. Chamness, Frelyn Chappel, Clyde J. Eichorn, Lloyd Evans, Jimmie Fisk, Mike Halter, Harold Hartman, Ralph Hitt, Paul Hitt, Gene F. Hill, Arthur Hopper, George Hughes, Jerome F. Johnson, Paul F. Legrand, Charles E. Monan, Eldon Moran, Joe S. Morris, Russell Page, Joe R. Schafer, Leonard Shelton, Thomas R. Taylor, William E. Watson, George Wilkinson, William Wolsey, John W. Woods and Ralph Zimmerman.

Other enrollees were Troy R. Allen, Milton Bowles, Dan Delplane, Ottis W. Evans, Vee Geeham, Charles H. Hohman, Marion O. Hornback, Clyde M. Jennings, Nelson C. Mize and Charles D. Wood.

Mrs. J. W. Schroff accompanied her daughter, Mrs. Wayne DeLisle and children to Cape Girardeau Monday.

Lilbourn Mayor Learns Bank Is Good Lockup

Mayor J. H. Holtermann of Lilbourn is accustomed to dishing out punishment in his capacity as police judge. Now he knows what confinement is like.

His honor came to Sikeston Monday with two other men in connection with a land deal. The men made headquarters at the Bank of Sikeston. They came in and out during the morning.

Toward noon Holtermann returned to a private conference room at the bank to wait for his companions. He made himself comfortable and did some reading to while away the time.

The bank grew quiet and the silence aroused the mayor. There was none of the usual noise from the adding machines. He glanced at his watch. It was exactly 12 o'clock noon. He ran into the lobby. Everybody had gone. The banks' doors were locked.

A half hour later the janitor, entering to tidy up, rescued Holtermann from his plight. So the mayor ate a late lunch.

"Imagine a mayor and police judge locked up like this," Holtermann smiled when he met President Joseph L. Matthews of the bank.

"The next time I come to Lilbourn you can lock me up in your jail," retorted Matthews, eager to even up the score.

Matthews explained that it was his habit to check the private conference room personally to see that no one remained inside during the noon hour. He left the bank earlier than customary that day and as a result Holtermann found himself locked in.

Waive Hearing In Theft Case

Luther Hill, negro, and two negro boys waived preliminary hearing before Justice of Peace A. B. Jewell Saturday and were bound over to circuit court on charges of robbery in connection with a $119 theft at the home of A. C. Barrett, 816 North Kingshighway.

The action was taken on behalf of the negroes by Attorney W. P. Wilkerson, who was appointed to represent them as counsel. Trial of the trio has been set for Friday in circuit court at Benton.

Hill is accused of plotting the robbery and the boys, nine and eleven years of age, of executing it.

The loss of the money was discovered two weeks ago. The negroes were taken in custody shortly after occurence of the crime.

Both boys admitted to police they had taken the money around the noon hour while the Barretts were away from home. They said they gave some of the loot to Hill, their uncle.

Kennett Man Is Low Bidder On FSA Homes

M. S. Fray of Kennett with an offer of $560 per unit was apparent low bidder for construction of houses and small type wells in New Madrid county under a Farm Security Administration program.

Bids were opened Friday at the office of the district engineer in the postoffice building. Other bidders were Buford Gracy, Little Rock, $596, Vandivoort Lumber Company, Caruthersville, $602.75; E. C. Robinson Lumber Company, New Madrid, $779, C. M. Meird, Little Rock, $566.50.

The number of homes to be constructed will be announced later. Bidding was on the basis that no less than five or not more than 50 would be constructed. Construction will be scattered over New Madrid county.

Fined for Driving Overweight Truck

V. F. Dick of Springfield, Mo., pleaded guilty to a charge of driving an overweight vehicle before Justice of the Peace A. B. Jewell Saturday and was fined $18. He paid the fine.

Dick was driving a truck load of grapefruit from Texas to Springfield when arrested by T. E. Gladdish, weight officer of the State highway patrol.

CLYDE MYERS TAKES NEW JOB



Sikeston friends of Clyde Myers will be interested in learning that he has been employed to manage the saddle and harness horses of Dr. H. C. Gaebe, Elmer Devine and Mr. Prather of Desloge.

Myers had recently been connected with the Missouri Stable Horse Sales Company of St. Louis. He was with the St. Louis firm three years.

A former Sikeston resident, he worked here with the Railway Express Company and Stubbs Clothing Company.

His first show with the Prather stable will be at Fredericktown Monday. He expects to judge the horse and stock show at Oak Ridge this fall.

The Standard is confident that all of his Southeast Missouri friends will be glad to hear of his new connection.

Hobbies Described As Important In Child Training

Learning how to spend spare time is part of a child's education, Laurence Knepper, a teacher in the Sikeston schools, told an audience attending the Parent-Teacher Association's second annual hobby show at the high school gymnasium.

Knepper, who was in charge of the program, explained that training children to use idle hours was largely the duty of parents but that teachers also could offer guidance. He described criminals as a class who failed to develop hobbies or spend spare time profitably.

The best hobbies are those which either help others or lead to vocational training for the person following them, he said.

Other talks were made by Paul Brewer, who told how to make model airplanes; Jimmy Rabb, who in discussing photography told how to develop and enlarge pictures; Frank Stevens, who discussed amateur radio; Joe Allen, who told of stamp collecting and gave a history of stamps; Teacher Thurman Travelstead, who discussed nature, particularly trees, birds, insects and gardens. Travelstead introduced Patricia Loehr, who talked on "Our Aquarium."

First and second prizes of $1 and 50 cents were awarded for the best displays of hobbies. The winners:

Most unusual hand made hobby —Gene Rabb and Paul Brewer with a model airplane exhibit, first place; Larry Shain, photographic display, second place.

Most unusual collection—Billy Sikes with a display of pennants and souvenirs, first place; Phyllis Ann Garner, a paper napkin collection, second place.

Most educational hobby—Amateur Radio Club with a radio display, first place. Frank Stevens accepted this award. Earl Martin, post cards, second place.

Most attractive display—Marylin Mayfield, silk handkerchiefs, first place; Roland Lipe, miniature glass dogs, second place.

TWO SCOUTING MEETS DURING MONTH

The calendar of events for Boy Scouting in Sikeston during April includes a meeting of the finance committee tomorrow and a Sikeston district meeting to be held at the telephone office at 7:30 p. m., April 23.

Mrs. G. W. Wester of Holly Grove, Ark., arrived Monday to visit her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Burl Heath.

Box Supper Nets Seniors $60 Toward Journey

Seniors today had approximately $60 toward expenses of their trip to the Deep South at the end of school and other persons the memory of a lot of fun at an old-fashioned box supper at the high school Friday night.

Bidding on the boxes was spirited and none was sold for less than 80 cents. Top price was $2.10.

Nina Verne Taylor, a member of the class and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmos Taylor, won the title of prettiest girl and Shad Old that of the boy having the biggest feet.

The boxes were auctioned by R. A. McCord and Herman McNew.

A musical number presented by Joe Arbaugh and Billy Grant, saxaphone, and Mary Emma Allen, accordian, won first prize of $1 in the home room contest. These students are in Miss Isabel Hess' home room.

Second prize of 50 cents was awarded a group from Miss Dema Parker's home room who presented a play. The cast was composed of J. W. Lewis, Charles Hartzell, Leonard Kindred, Dora Ann Hunott.

A parade of sudents, headed by a section of the high school band, went through the business section Friday afternoon to call the public's attention to the event.

W. H. Stubblefield Jr. Dies in Kansas City

Kansas City, April 5.—William Henry Stubblefield Jr., 75, who was associated with the Missouri State Life Insurance Company in St. Louis for about five years, died in a hospital here today after a week's illness.

He also had engaged in the banking business at Sikeston and Cape Girardeau, Mo., Stubblefield had lived in Kansas City two and one-half years. His widow, two sons, Harold Stubblefield of Kansas City, and Bland Stubblefield of St. Louis, survive. Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Monday in St. Louis.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. Burl Heath entertained in honor of the 16th birth anniversary of her son, Charles, Friday evening. The guests were Misses Amy Wilkinson, Jean Jackson, Louise Jackson, Jean Cummings, and Margaret Lambert, Bob McCord, David Shy, Benny Jo Morrison, Miller Moll and Dwan O'Conner.

Meet May Go To Sikeston

A committee from the Southeast Missouri Drummers Association will discuss with the Junior Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night a proposal to hold the annual convention of traveling men's organization in Sikeston next year.

President Harry Putman, Kennett, and Secretary Harry S. Power stopped here Friday on the way to Cape Girardeau to make plans for the 44th annual convention of the association to be held there May 23-25. Sharron Pharis, manager of the Del-Rey Hotel accompanied them to Cape Girardeau.

Approximately 300 delegates are expected to attend the meeting. A parade, athletic, beauty and baby contests will feature the convention.

Putnam said that every town in this area was invited to enter a young woman in the beauty contest. The winter will be crowned Queen of Southeast Missouri. The municipalities also may enter floats in the parade.

WPA Week Set For May 20-25

Projects of the professional and service divisions of the Work Projects Administration will be on display to Sikeston visitors May 20-25, to be celebrated as "This Work Pays Your Community Week."

The observance had been originally scheduled for April 22-27 throughout the nation but officials postponed the event.

Mrs. Irene Buchanan, assistant area WPA supervisor of sewing, announced today that while visitors would be especially welcomed at the projects here from May 20-25, the public could inspect the work being done at any time.

She called attention to the weaving project on the second floor of the city hall, a kindergarten play school at the south grade school, a hot lunch program in the city schools and book repairing at the south grade school, the latter being a city library project.

Scout Circus Is Set For May 3

Cape Girardeau, Mo.—The annual Southeast Missouri area Council Boy Scout circus will be held here May 3.

Plans for the event were made at a recent meeting here attended by 54 men from Fredericktown, Benton, Delta, Chaffee, Charleston, Sikeston, Wardell, East Prairie and Cape Girardeau.

All troop committeemen attending will march with their troop in the circus' grand entry.

Requests have been received for 14 reserved seat tickets, including eight from Sikeston.

Scaffold Tilts, Gives Workmen Narrow Escape

A near accident gave onlookers an unexpected thrill and two workmen on the new water tank going up at Ranney and Center street a few anxious moments shortly before the noon hour Saturday.

Too much slack in cables supporting one side of a scaffold upon which the men were working 90 feet above the ground caused a bucket of rivets and another of coal to come crashed down. The workmen saved themselves by grabbing onto cable. The scaffold was soon leveled off and work continued. None was hurt.

The men were working around the huge center pipe of the tank and just beneath the receptacle when the mishap occurred.

The oval tank began to take shape over the week end. Workmen predicted the job would be completed in a month.

Rain caused a temporarily delay in the project Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Fowler Heads P.-T. A.

Mrs. George Fowler was elected president of the Sikeston Parent-Teacher Association at a meeting held Thursday night prior to the annual hobby show, sponsored by the organization, at the high school gymnasium.

The new president and all other officers were elected by acclamation, members accepting the selections of a nominating committee.

Other officers are Mrs. C. R. Auten, first vice president; Mrs. W. P. Wilkerson, second vice president; Mrs. H. M. Kendig, secretary and Mrs. H. N. Draughon, treasurer.

Mattresses Are Sought by 332

New Madrid, Mo.—Applications for 332 mattresses have been received in the County Extension Office. These mattresses are to go to low income farm families and are being made from cotton furnished by the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation.

Twenty-four bales of cotton and two bales of ticking have been ordered.

Arrangements are being made in the different communities for making the mattresses. Each family is required to make his own mattress at some central place under direction of a committee. The women of the County Home Economics Clubs will supervise this job.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gregg of near Lilbourn are parents of a son, Ralph, born at their home April 4.



By WARREN BAYLEY

Rockwall, Texas

For the past 80 years, a considerable amount of speculation, investigation and legend spinning has centered about this little Texas town. The great scientific minds of the world have journeyed here and disagreed upon their findings, which has only added to the mystery and general confusion.

The subject of the conrtoversy is an immense buried rock-wall of great proportions which surrounds an area of 4 square miles about the city and from which the town was named. The question—was it built by prehistoric man or is it a phenomenon of nature?

Back in 1852 a pioneer settler by the name of Terry Wade endeavored to dig a well in this community and ran into the structure. Scant attention was paid to the rock formation at that time, but later when other settlers ran into the same difficulty or found outcroppings of the wall in other places, a more detailed study was made.

The survey disclosed that the rock wall enclosed an area of 4 square miles, was constructed of rock not found otherwise within 300 miles, was smooth and perpendicular on the outside and sloped and terraced in step fashion on the inside. A series of over 50 excavations were made at various places about the formation and although continued to over 30 feet in depth, failed to locate the base of the structure.

Scientists then entered the picture and for many years have made a study of hte wall. As stated their findings disagree. However, the consensus of opinion is that it is man made.

One scientist has gone on record as willing to stake his professional reputation that the base of the wall will be located at 50 feet and that it was an immense rock fortification built by prehistoric man over one million years ago. He states that with a

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Estimate of Paving Cost Sought

Employment of an engineer to estimate the cost of adding additional blocks to Siketson's paved streets was authorized Thursday night by the city council.

The engineer will investigate expense involved by paving Moore Avenue from Hunter Street to Wakefield Avenue and Wakefield Avenue east of Moore Avenue to U. S. highway 61. Estimates are to be made under terms of an old Works Project Administration paving project.

A discussion by an official of the Local Truck System Terminal and residents living in the area was followed by a council decision to notify officials of the firm to appear at a subsequent meeting and show cause why stock pens adjacent to the terminal should not be declared a nuisance and abated.

This action followed renewal of a request by the residents, many of them women, that the stock pens be removed from the section. Spokesmen for the group complained both of odors and noise from the pens and reported that these had adversely affected property values in the area. Some reported noise frequently disrupted sleep.

Joseph L. Matthews, reporting for an aldermanic committee which investigated the matter, said that conditions had been improved at the pens by chat placed on the ground, boxing in of ends of the enclosure and construction of a roof over it.

Gene Potashnick of the treminal expressed a willingness to take other steps to improve conditions and keep noise at a minimum but reluctance to move the pens.

Matthews reported that the committee found that terminal officials were unwilling to move the pens because of additional expense that would be entailed in a location outside the city limits. He offered personally to provide land for the pens outside the city if the firm decided to move.

The council agreed to purchase 41 police badges for American Legionnaires after Major C. L. Malone explained the need of a Legion police force.

Malone declared that the force would be of value in an emergency, such as a flood, to police football games and direct traffic at the pubilee. The force would be assembled at the call of the mayor.

"We can mobilize 20 men in 20 minutes," Malone said.

The Legionnaire told the council that many members of the veterans' organization would purchase their own badges from the city and the municipal expense from ordering them would be kept at a minimum.

Lyman Matthews was authorized to build a home, garage and cleaning room of concrete construction on Moore Avenue, south of Clyde Matthews' property.

C. L. Blanton, Jr., chairman of the armory board, read letters from Administrator B. M. Casteel of the Works Project Administration and Adjt. Gen. Lewis M. Means of Jefferson City inquiring about arrangements for dedication of the new armory building.

The council authorized Blanton to write Casteel and Means that a dance held at the armory had been advertised as a dedicatory event and to ask them if they had any suggestions to make in view of this circumstance.

A requirement that the city collector post a $5000 bond with a penalty for failure to comply became a ordinance after introduction of a bill by Alderman Gust Zacher.

Mayor G. W. H. Presnell reappointed E. P. Coleman a member of the board of public works, E. L. Tongate, fire chief engineer, Milburn Arbaugh, fire chief and A. C. Barrett, city clerk. The appointments were ratified by the council.

The mayor announced appointment of the following aldermanic committees:

Park and cemetery — E. H. Smith, L. F. Mayfield and S. L. Lawrence.

SIKESTON STANDARD COMPLIMENTARY
This Ticket Will Admit
Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Stewart
—to the—
MALONE THEATRE
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MILO G. GRESHAM

COUNTY ASSESSOR
LYNN A ANCELL

FOR SHERIFF
JOHN HOBBS

FOR REPRESENTATIVE
J. S. WALLACE

FOR CONSTABLE
TED KIRBY
WALTER HUGHES

NEW MADRID COUNTY

COUNTY ASSESSOR
J. W. DAUGHERTY

We're glad to see the Advertising Federation of America start a backfire against the various "consumers' protective" groups—meaning outfits that profess to be able to give you the inside low-down on whether almost any product you name is as advertised.

These people have been asking for a kickback for some time . . . but before we go on, we'll ask you please to bear in mind that we depend on advertising for most of our revenues, believe in advertising, and will take all the reputable advertising we can carry alongside a generous amount of fiction, articles and pictures. So please discount our remarks accordingly, and see if you can pick any flaws in them.

In a going and highly complex society, there have to be ways of spreading news to great masses of buyers regarding who has what goods to exchange for money or other goods. Advertising is the natural and the fastest way yet invented. It hapens to have been raised to the level of an art in the United States—the verve and inventiveness of the American mind, we suppose.

There have been and are abuses in American advertising. In so far as these consumers' protective groups aim at those with real, scientifically gathered information, they render a genuine service, and more power to them.

Our chief complaint is that they try to take in too much territory. Actually they are against advertising and really are hostile to private business enterprise. They are long on propaganda and short on facts. So they pass along prejudiced gossip.

Here are a few truths that seem self-evident to us:

A business concern that hopes to survive cannot risk antagonizing the buying public by printing fraudulent or exaggerated advertising—which, like any other class of lie, will eventually out.

Every reputable publication nowadays exercises careful supervision over the advertising it prints. Slips occur, but not many.

The Federal Trade Commission has ample power (some people think too ample) to makea firm in interstate commerce stop making excessive or baseless claims for its products.

People themselves as a rule aren't so dumb as the self-appointed consumers' guardians appear to believe. A surprising number of us common clucks, while we enjoy a handsomely gotten-up and well-written ad, can spot any lies or half-lies it may contain—the ultimate loser being none other than the advertiser himself.

Well, what it all adds up to, we believe, is that periodical advertising as conducted in the present-day United States is conducted more and more ethically all the time; that most advertised goods sold today are as represented by their makers in their advertising; and that the self-appointed consumers' nursemaids are offering consumers a lot of information that isn't real information.—Colliers.

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A high official of the Republican state organization who stays awake nights concocting ways and means of advising the Democratic Party how to conduct the affairs of state entrusted to its care, issued a public statement the other day in which he sought by a skillful play of words to create the impression that the last Republican Governor of Missouri, Henry S. Caulfield, solved the problem of caring for the needy and distressed of the state during his administration—and all "without any increase in taxes."

And that is news, because it has never been heard of before, or even whispered in selcet gatherings of the G. O. P. faithful. Since, however, the Republicans have adopted a policy of claiming credit for everything but the Harding, Coolidge and Hoover administrations, they doubtlessly shifted into a huddle and generously concluded to place upon the broad shoulders of Henry Caulfield the glory of having solved Misosuri's relief problem during his four years in the chief executive's chair.

And this is news also—the amazing lack of information which this Republican leader has at his command. To assert that Governor Caulfield solved the state's relief problem is to display either an utter disregard for fact or an appalling ignorance of state affairs of recent year.

Does he not know, or is he merely atempting to fool the people his party has so often fooled, that during the long and wearisome years of misrule under Governor Caulfield not a single cent was appropriated for the relief of the needy unemployed of Missouri, although thousands were crying for assistance? Missouri, under Caulfield, had no relief program.

Does he not know that during the Caulfield regime not a single penny was expended to help the old people of Missouri, although their need was more obvious then than ever before in state annals? Missouri, under Caulfield, had no old age assistance program.

Does he not know that not even one dependent child was extended aid during Caulfield's regime? Missouri, under Caulfield, had no program for its thousands of neglected, dependent children.

The truth is, as the Republican Party well knows, that the policy and attitude of Henry Caulfield regarding relief and unemployment when he was Governor of Missouri was identical with that of Herbert Hoover, who was then whistling "Prosperity Is Just Around the Corner" on the White House lawn.

Neither Hoover nor Caulfield had any program of relief or of aid to the old folk, and but little interest in the fate of condition of either unfortunate group. As far as they were concerned, the jobless, the hungry and the helpless could "root, hog or die." They advocated no legislation in their behalf and appropriated not a copper cent for their benefit.

And, as concerns Governor Caulfield's management of state finances, the books do reveal that he did make something of a record—he left more than a million dollars worth of his bills for the incoming Democratic administration to pay.

And all of this—"without any increase in taxes."

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As a candidate for election to the office in which he has compiled such an outstanding record of public service, it becomes almost a certainity that Dwight Brown will continue in office as one of Missouri's most important administrators . . . Candidate Brown for the office of Secretary of State stands alone. In fact, it might be said that the term "logical candidate" was coined expressly for his position in that race.—St. Louis County Leader.

ALEXANDER KORDA *presents*

MERLE OBERON *in* Over the Moon

SYNOPSIS

Jane Benson, a charming English girl living alone — with crochety old servants — in a huge Yorkshire mansion, longs for the gayety and glitter of the social world. When Freddie Jarvis, a young country doctor in love with her, comes to tend the servants, she admits her love for him and begs him to take her out of her dull life. He leaves without telling her that he has decided to marry her, and move his work to London. That night, a lawyer comes from London to inform Jane that she is the heir to her grandfather's estate — to eighteen million pounds. Very distant cousins Millie and Julie come quickly to "chaperone", as Freddie shoulders through the newsreel men.

Chapter Two

Freddie stood quietly, watching her shining eyes, listening to her bright, bubbling enthusiasm. "Think of it, darling!" he heard her say. "I'm going to London — then to Paris, to buy some clothes. I'm going for a ride over the moon! I'm going to see all the wonderful things — meet all the marvelous, gay people that I've been reading about. Freddie, isn't it a miracle!"

"Yes," he said dismally.

"And the suddenness of it!" she went on. "After all this gloom!"

"Didn't you ever think you might have a fortune?" he asked.

"No! My grandfather made it all from the coal-mines and it's been piling up ever since his death. He was a horrible old miser. He didn't want me to grow up knowing I was an heiress — he thought that years of gloom and misery would make me as mean and stingy as he was. But he made a bad guess. I'm going to spend it — right and left! I'm going to have some fun at last — and so will you, darling! I'm going to buy you the finest laboratory in the world, with lots of trained nurses — all very unattractive — and we'll give a wonderful party every night when we're married!"

"When we're what?"

She felt the dullness in his voice. "Freddie," she asked, "what's happened to you since yesterday?"

"Yesterday you needed me as a chance of escape from this," he said deliberately. "Today the whole world is yours — the whole wonderful, glamorous, expensive world."

"But supposing I tell you that I love you?"

"I shouldn't believe it. You want your freedom, don't you? And so do I. If we were married we'd lose all chance of it. Your money would ruin any ambition I've got, and I'd spoil your fun."

"You're talking like my grandfather!" she countered angrily, completely taken aback. "I'm going out to spend a million — maybe two millions — I'm going to spend it foolishly, glorioustly! After that — well, in the meantime I'll have done some living."

"I hope you have a fine time, Jane."

"No you don't! You hope that all the money poisons me. Otherwise you'd come with me to London. Freddie, won't you try it?" she pleaded. "Please say yes."

He paused, looking deeply into her eyes.

"All right," he said slowly. "I'll try it."

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They tried it. The week in London, and the smart salons of Paris, for Jane's trousseau. When the male model minced in, wearing spectacular pajamas, Freddie left. In the bar, meeting a reporter, who had a single question to ask: "What's it feel like to be the prospective husband to eighteen million pounds?" Freddie hit him once, and left. He went angrily to Jane's room in the hotel.

"Oh, Freddie! I thought you were never coming!" she laughed. The words tumbled out. "Look at this negligee, darling. Isn't it lovely? And I've got lots more like it. Dresses for dancing, cocktails, bridge, yachting — oh, yes, darling, I bought a yacht, and the loveliest Rolls Royce, all lined with jade-green, and the sweetest villa in Monte Carlo, and oh, darling, I forgot to tell you — I've bought you a hospital — well, not really a hospital — it's a fashionable clinic, where all the best people go when they're not really ill, and pay enormous fees to be cured of what they haven't got!" She ran to him, throwing her arms about his neck. "Won't that be lovely, darling?"

"Jane...," he said gravely. "Jane — all this stuff — everything you've said since I came into the room pushes me right out of your life."

"But, Freddie, you've got the Clinic!"

"The Clinic most of all."

"But, darling..."

"No. You listen to me. What's your program? Yachts, cars, frocks, jewels, trailing across Europe at the head of the monkey-parade and trailing *me* behind you like a toy Pomeranian!"

"Freddie, that's not fair!" Her temper flared. "That's a most ungenerous thing to say!"

"It's a rotten ungenerous thing to *be!*"

"What you mean is, you don't love me enough to go on."

"Not to go on as you're going. You think you love me, but how do you know? You've never met anybody else."

"And you'd like me to?"

"Certainly. Go and meet 'em."

"And I thought you loved me!"



" . . . and oh, darling, I've bought you a hospital — "

"So did I. But that was before you got your rotten millions and your rotten friends. But now I've either got to be Mr. Jane Benson or get out. And I'm getting out."

She was dangerously calm. "Please do," she said. "Good night."

"Good night." And he was gone.

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And Julie found Jane with reddened eyes. "Jane — Jane darling!" she said. "You've been crying!"

"Julie, Freddie hasn't come back —and I don't think he ever will."

"Well, that's fine. You ought to be grateful to him."

"Grateful? He told me to meet all the other men I could."

"Very sensible advice. I hope you take it."

"I certainly shall!"

"Of course you will. When you were a little nobody it was perfectly proper to fall in love with a country doctor. But now that you are a multi-millionairess you must make a great *marriage.*"

"A marriage?"

"Certainly. An Earl or a Duke or even a Prince. Or all three — in sequence, of course."

Jane laughed. "You're putting dreadful ideas in my head, Julie!"

"You can afford them. You haven't lived yet! You don't know what's in store for you — what joys — what intoxications — what discoveries! Child — the world's your toyshop. Don't you want to play?"

Jane nodded her head firmly. "You just watch me!"

"Good, 'cause I've decided you're going to have a party — a real rowdy party!"

"All right, when?"

"Tonight. I've asked everyone to be there. It will be very Bohemian, you know — actors — authors — athletes — admirals. Rather fun, too. *Raa-ther!*"

(To be continued)

An Italian woman gave birth to five children in 11 months; twins were born one June and triplets the following May.

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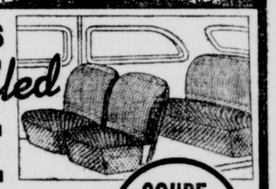
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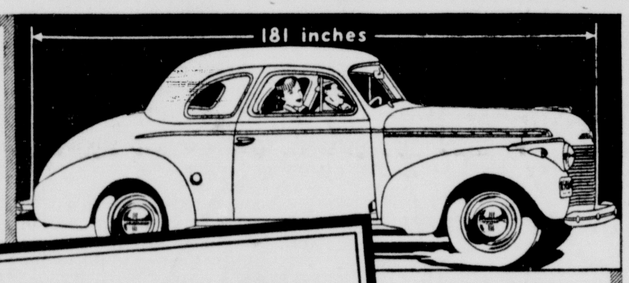
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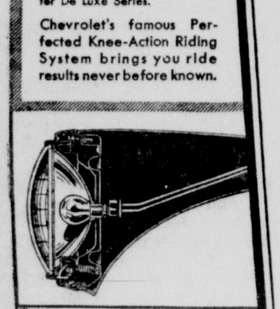
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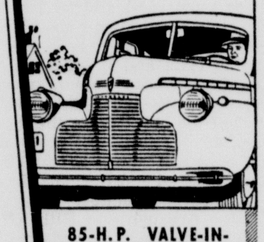


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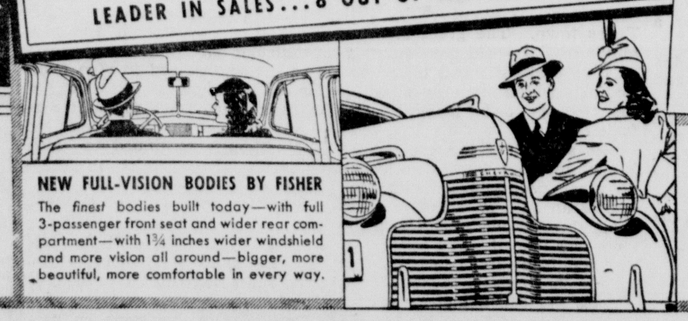
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CHATS *with the Master* Gardener

HOW TO KEEP AN ESTABLISHED LAWN BEAUTIFUL

In our last chat I remarked that early feeding is the best way to give your lawn the jump on the weeds. I recommended using a complete plant food, one that supplies all eleven needed food elements in scientifically balanced proportions.

Early feeding has another advantage, too. It happens before the rush of other garden tasks begins. And there's no necessity to water the plant food, because late snows and spring rains take care of that. When the ground is thawing, the soil is in a porous condition. Plant food works down gradually and is all ready to do its work when the grass roots start growing.

By early feeding, I mean just as the frost is out of the ground, before the grass starts to grow in Northern localities. Farther South, feeding should be done before permanent grasses start taking the place of waning winter grasses.

CORRECT POOR SOIL CONDITION

After you've given the grass a square meal, you can wait a bit, until the soil is dried out enough to work. Then go after the places where the grass was killed last summer. Try to analyze what caused the trouble. If the soil had too much clay in it, so that it baked hard and dry, spade in some sand or finely sifted ashes. If it was too sandy, you can fix it by mixing in heavy black loam, or peat moss, or well-decayed mulch, such as last year's dead leaves and grass clippings. Then mix in some complete plant food, one heaping tablespoon to every squarefoot, or two quarts to every 100 square feet. Work the food three or four inches into the ground. Then apply the best seed you can get, and plenty of it. Rake it lightly into the soil, and water gently but thoroughly. And keep moist until the new grass has made good growth.

WHEN TO ROLL, CUT, AND WATER

Now about rolling your lawn. Once a year is enough—early in the spring, when the ground first becomes firm. At that time rolling removes the air pockets created by the frost, and pushes the grass roots back into the soil where they can get nourishment.

As for cutting, let your spring grass get three inches high before you cut it. Use a grass-catcher on your mower, because dead clippings form a mat that hurts the grass.

And a word about watering. It's a good idea to water your lawn less frequently and do a more thorough job of it. Light waterings draw the roots to the surface and the sun may dry them up.

NIGHTINGALE SINGING CONVENTION

The Nightingale Singing Convention of New Madrid County will meet at Parma, Missouri the second Sunday in April, April 14, in the General Baptist Church. Parma is located on the farm-to-market highway between Risco and Hunterville.

We are expecting this to be one of the very best singing conventions New Madrid County has ever known. Among the out-of-state visitors expected is Prof. Luther G. Presley of the Stamps-Baxter Music and Printing Company of Pangburn, Arkansas. Mr. Presley is one of the best composers of gospel songs the south has ever known, and is a great help in any convention.

We have also invited the Jolly Trio of Jonesboro, Arkansas, and Ray Thompson and quartet of Rector. These singers are among the outstanding entertainers of Arkansas. There will also be singers from Dunklin, Pemiscott, Stoddard and other adjoining counties in Missouri, and from all Northeast Arkansas.

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This Week in Missouri History

Bridging the change from the glorious old Jesuit mission period in Missouri and Illinois to the still more notable development of the Church in the middle west during the 19th century was the work of Father Pierre Gibault. For more than a decade he served as New Madrid's spiritual leader. His work in another field, helping the United States acquire the Northwest Territory and working to maintain good Indian relations, won for him the title of the "Patriot Priest of the West."

Although he has sometimes been called the "first citizen" of Illinois, Father Gibault was born at Montreal, Canada, on April 7, 1737, two hundred and three years ago this week. He was educated in the Seminary at Quebec and served for a time in the cathedral. Responding in 1768 to a call for help from Father Sebastian Meurin, the last remaining pre-suppression Jesuit in the Mississippi valley, he went to Kaskaskia, an old French village across the river and a few miles below present Ste. Genevieve.

For many years Father Gibault was the only official of the Catholic church in the region north of the Ohio river. He traveled thousands of miles on foot, on horseback, or by canoe. He made long trips through territory now included in the states of Illinois and Indiana. He wanet to Ste. Genevieve and La Salines in present Ste. Genevieve county, to St. Louis, Old Mines, and south into the present state of Arkansas. Never in very good health, he still labored untiringly in his missionary work.

Father Gibault disliked the British. On the other hand, he had a deep friendship for the newly-created American republic. When George Rogers Clark began his conquest of the Northwest Territory, therefore, Father Gibault persuaded his loyal parishioners at Kaskaskia, Cahokia, and Vincennes, to surrender without struggle to Clark and his Kentucky Long Knives, probably doing more than any other man to make the conquest easier.

He also visited Indian tribes of the region and led them to transfer their allegiance from Great Britain to the United States in peaceful measures. Besides all this, he gave his entire fortune to Clark and his men, and persuaded others to offer financial aid.

In every sense Father Gibault led the inhabitants from the time of his coming to Illinois until he moved across the river to New Madrid. He held an unusual power over rough and not too religious frontiersmen. During the second year of his ministry at Kaskaskia less than ten men failed to make their Easter confessions, a thing previously unknown in the history of the settlement. He helped maintain good relations between the French, Americans, and Indians, and even exchanged courtesies with the Spanish on the west side of the Mississippi.

It is not known exactly when the patriot priest came to minister to the spiritual needs of the settlers in the region now included in Missouri. As early as 1770, however, two years after his arrival in the Illinois country, he crossed the Mississippi and served the Church of St. Louis, the first Catholic church erected in the city and among the earliest houses of religious services in Missouri.

New Madrid, the first village in the present State of Missouri that was planned and founded by citizens of the United States, claimed Father Gibault as the director of its religious life from the time of its founding until his death on August 16, 1802. Beginning in 1790 he made New Madrid his permanent home. Three years later he was appointed pastor for the village. In 1799 he built St. Isidore's church, which, with a change or two of name, has since been the center of the town's cultural and religious life save for the short period when the social life of the community was disrupted as a result of the famous earthquake.

If you talk horse sense these days, most people will give you the horse laugh.

TRAVELOG

Real Southern Hospitality and Florida Atmosphere Greet Vacationists in Jacksonville

While Jacksonville, Florida, is an important business city, it is also a tourist city. Its play-loving, sport-loving populace, its romantic Southern atmosphere, its lakes, woods and streams, its historical background back a powerful appeal to the seasonal visitor.

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Within an hour's journey from Jacksonville is St. Augustine, the oldest city in America, with its glamorous and romantic history and its old world aspect.

CIRCUS BOA GIVES BIRTH TO 6 BABIES AT MATINEE

New York, April 6.—A six-foot boa constrictor gave birth to six live baby boas and four eggs in a box on the snake charmer's platform of the Ringing Brothers-Barnum & Bailey Circus in Madison Square Garden during today's matinee performance.

Herpetologists (snake experts) said she must have been "emotionally upset" to hatch the six eggs inside her body—snakes don't ordinarily have live births. The experts advised layettes of sand and excelsior.

SNAKE PROTECTS CORN CRIB

For more than four years a North Carolina farmer kept a large blacksnake in his corn crib. During the time rats and mice were very scarce around his place. Recently the snake was inadvertently killed, and since then rodents have so increased that the farmer wants another snake.—From the National Wildlife Federation.

DUCKS FOR MOSQUITO CONTROL

Mallard ducks are efficient as a mosquito control agency, Texas Game Department zoologist say. They eliminate most of the larvae of the insect, even from the most badly infected places.—From the National Wildlife Federation.

DUCK DIVING CONTEST

The subject of how deep ducks dive for food was tested recently by Dr. Harry Leon Kutz, Cornell University zoologist. Dr. Kutz experimented with Mallard and Black ducks by dropping corn into varying depths of water. At five and seven foot depths both Mallards and Blacks competed successfully for the corn. But at a ten-foot level, the Blacks monopolized the grain, the Mallards being unable to reach it.

That a ten-foot dive was not easy for the Blacks is evident from Dr. Kutz's description: "Preceding each dive a bird would assume a definite stance with neck fully extended upward and muscles tensed. Then with a powerful kick both feet it would disappear beneath the surface of the water, the kick causing a splash of no inconsiderable proportions."—From the National Wildlife Federation.

QUAIL GO TO COLLEGE

Twenty-six Mexican blue quail are making their home on the campus of Cameron College, Lawton, Oklahoma. No one knows where they came from, but they have taken up their abode in and around the stables at that institution of higher learning.—From the National Wildlife Federation.

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A "DISPLAY HOUSE" OFFER IS JUST PLAIN BUNK

If you are approached with a "special offer" to have your house repaired—that's symptom number 1.

If you are told only a few "lucky owners" are being thus "selected"—that's symptom number 2.

If you are informed that because of the "Special price" given you, your house will really be a "display house", (a sort of advertisement to show other prospects)—that's symptom number 3.

All three symptoms, taken together, earmark a racket which victimizes homeowners by sharp practices and trickery.

Actually, the "special offer' is as high, or higher, than the price charged by reputable established contractors. Certain owners are selected as prospective victims, and are really unlucky.

Never sign a completion certificate, showing the work completed to your satisfaction, until you are really satisfied.

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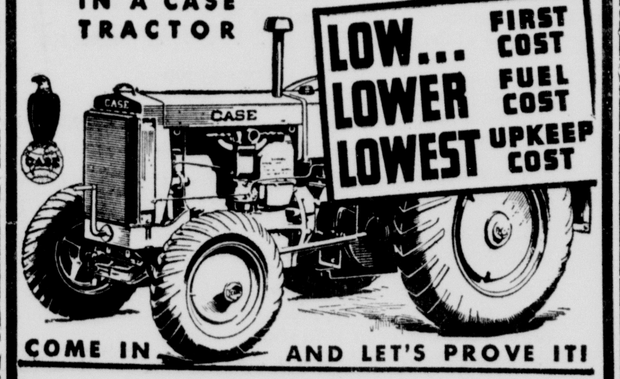
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The box sale and entertainment given in the High School Auditorium for the benefit of the fund to take the senior class to Natchez, Miss., Baton Rouge and New Orleans, La., and Gulfport, Miss., was a very enjoyable affair and brought around $60 to the treasury. This trip is one of the most enjoyable and educational affairs that can be taken. There are about 75 in the graduating class and it will take about $2000 to carry this outing through as last year and whether or not these young people can raise that much money by the time school closes is a question. We wish it were possible for the School Board to award this graduating class with $1000 toward the expense, but whether or not they can, or will, take this hint remains to be seen.

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The Democratic convention in session at New Madrid March 30 went on record as "opposing and everthing that is desired by Lloyd Crow Stark, who has ignored the Democrats of the State of Missouri and is not deserving of any Democratic support." That is going pretty strong and will likely cause such a split among Democrats in that county that Republicans may elect some of their candidates this fall.

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If a woman used the same care in picking a husband as in picking a new hat and a man the same care in picking a wife as in picking a new automobile there might not be so many divorces, says the Milan Standard.

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Monday was just like any other spring day and so far as we know, none of our friends made an April Fool out of us. Doubtless some of you readers think we are a year-around-fool and to add an April to this title was unnecessary. Just the same, we feel slighted in not having been subjected to some minor embarrassment on the one day when it is open season on suckers.—Shelbina Democrat.

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People continue to ask: "Is it really true that I can have my own home with the money I pay for rent?"

Thousands of other persons have already learned the answer to that question. These thousands have discovered that, instead of paying twenty, thirty, forty, or fifty dollars a month for the privilege of living in a place belonging to someone else, they could pay a similar or even smaller amount and at the same time bring themselves closer to owning their own home.

Actually, the person who is paying rent to someone else can "pay himself rent." The Insured Mortgage System of the Federal Housing Administration lumps all ordinary expenses and costs into one monthly payment, a payment which does not change and on which there are never added any extra or hidden expenses. The prospective home builder knows in advance exactly what his ordinary costs will be each month from the day he moves into the new home until the day he owns it outright.

The very best place for a man's rent money is in a home and a mortgage on a home where there are regular, moderate payments to the principal and where monthly charges are within the reasonable ability of the home owner to meet.

But being one's own landlord goes deeper than just the money a person is investing and saving. The new home owner begins to store up happiness for his family, and his own self-confidence rises. His credit goes up, and the family's position is improved with the knowledge that the children have an established place in the community.

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Unemployment is still a serious problem—what good has come from all of the millions spent on relief?

That is a critical question that is now frequently heard voiced. Disregarding the vast public improvements in every county and city of the Nation which have resulted from relief activities and the expenditure of relief dollars, let the answer concern but human lives and human living. Life, after all, is the boon of boons, the gift of gifts, and living is the most precious privilege, the pleasure supreme.

What good have all of these relief millions done? Why they have given life itself—sustained existence—and made living a joy for millions of needy and unfortunate.

They have enabled millions to feed, clothe and house themselves, their wives and families—making a normal life a reality.

They have made it possible for these same millions to meet their just obligations, pay current bills, taxes, insurance, interest on mortgages, and perhaps to lay away a small sum for a future emergency.

They have sent children to school to be educated, to church for proper religious training, and to parks and playgrounds for essential recreation.

They have installed radios in homes for entertainment and instruction, provided automobiles for work and play, and furnished little luxuries which have added to life's zest.

They have secured doctors in time of illness, care for those with failing sight, and life-saving treatment and attention for the maimed, the crippled and the afflicted.

They have sprinkled sunshine into dark and dreary homes, made mothers smile as they bent over hot stoves, coaxed dimples of delight to the faces of innocent children.

They have enabled men and women to work regularly, to arise at each break of dawn with that priceless feeling that they have a job to go to, a task that awaits their willing hands—that they, after all, are of some use and value in a storm-swept old world.

They have made it possible for countless numbers to retain their self-respect, to hold their heads high and face life unashamed, to be courageous and unafraid, secure in the knowledge that their destinies are in friendly keeping.

They have afforded more than six years of abundant life and joyous contentment to millions of American men, women and children faced with destitution, despair and degradation.

These are some of the "good" that have come from all of the millions spent on relief—and nothing in the past nor in the future history of the Democratic Party has or will ever so become it as this giving of the glorious boon of life and living to the great masses of a great people.

Washington Comment

When Polonius said of Hamlet that, being a prince, he might walk with longer tether than common men were wont to do, he did not have a United States Minister to Canada in mind, but if a short halter is the badge of a common man, Mr. Cromwell belongs in that group. In a speech at Toronto, the diplomatic representative made remarks which justify the broad statement that they were anti-German and proAlly. A rebuke from Secretary of State Hull, for violating general instructions, followed. The head is with Mr. Hull, but the heart is with a Senator who maintained in substance that Minister Cromwell simply had repeated what everybody else was saying, and why make a misdoing out of it?

The shake-up in the French cabinet was the result of three desires in the public mind: a smaller and more speedily working body, one that would include statesmen of all political creeds, and more pep at the front. The ultimate probable fulfillment of the last-mentioned seems to be all that was accomplished, and perhaps that is enough, for the time being at least.

The positive step taken by France quickened the pulses of those in England who think that the ministry of that land is a little too "tolerant". English comment ranged from a demand for a wholesale house cleaning to the view that what the French did was their own affair and no concern of Britain: yet there seems to be a widespread call for activity of a kind which will throw fear into the soul of the enemy and increase the sympathetic respect of those who have not taken sides.

Having quieted the Finns, so far as active warfare is concerned, Russia is reported to be putting on the screws. Finland is not to enter the North European alliance, and the boundary heretofore suggested is to be shoved further into Finnish territory. Dropping the screw, but still keeping to mechanics for a figure of speech, Russia up to this time seemingly has given but a few light taps to the wedge. The full swing blows are to come later, as everyone has suspected from the first.

The anti-third term movement was strengthened in one sense, but weakened as a working unit, by the definite entrance of Mr. Farley into the field. His quoted words leave no room for doubt as to his intentions: "To clear up any misunderstanding, let me say that my name will be presented to the Democratic National Convention, and that's that". A middle ground party maintain that Mr. Farley's candidacy will do no more than give him a good chance for the second place. Opposing candidates and out and out third termers speak well of Mr. Farley, but the friends of Mr. Roosevelt, though mildly astonished in some instances, see no warning of a political split, or more than a desire on the part of the Post Master General to clear the horizon as soon as possible.

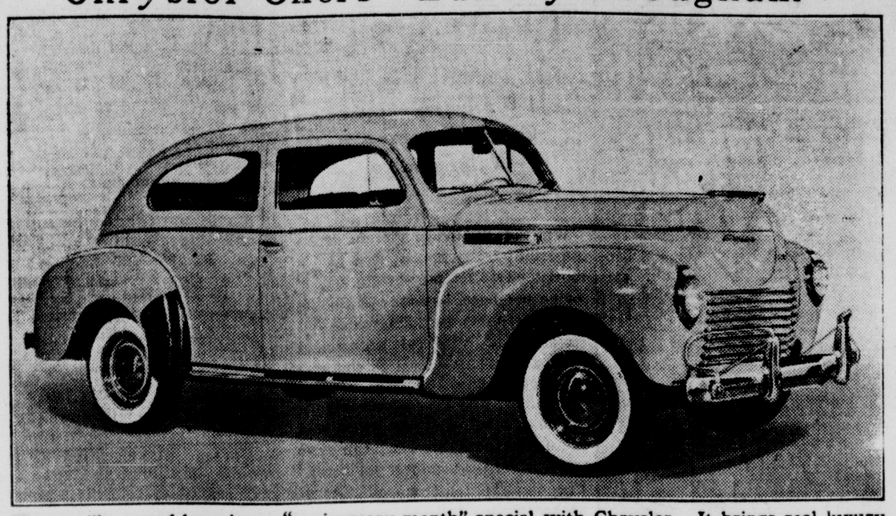
On the Republican side, Messrs. Dewey and Vandenberg continue to be most talked about. The Michigan Senator says that the Presidential decision this year is too desperately important to be pursued in hte interest of any personal aspiration, a view which Mr. Dewey shares. Hope springs eternal in the breasts of both parties. According to the Democrats, they have five available candidates, any one of whom can be elected. Republican confidence is reflected in the advice: "Don't allow this Administration to discourage you too much, because it is only going to be here eight more months."

Odds and ends. A Pennsylvania student who took the Bible literally, cut off his own hand. The President of a Washington university reports that the deliberations of a national conference on theoretical physics are too deep for a mere college president. A whale, rammed by a ship, rode two hundred miles on the stem of the vessel into the port of Baltimore. A New Jersey man who suspected his coal dealer, confirmed his suspicions by weighing a ton of coal, a shovel full at a time, on a pair of house hold scales.

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Kiwanis Club Activities

"The Creation of Man" was the subject of an interesting talk by the Rev. Joseph P. Read, Pastor of the Sikeston Christian Church before the Kiwanis Club Friday evening at the Palace Cafe.

He said that God breathed into man's nostrils the breath of life and be became a living soul. Thus man became the highest created being on earth.

He stated that he was not concerned with the different theories of creation but that man was a mental and a spiritual being as well as physical.

He asserted that men should be developed physically and mentally and that the moral training should not be left out, that without spiritual development man is a failure. The abundant life that Jesus taught begins here.

A note of thanks from Frank D. Lair was read to the Club. Mr. Lair has been ill in a Memphis hospital but is now home again.

Another letter was read from Mrs. B. T. Brothers who is also absent from home on account of illness. She is recovering and hopes to be home again soon.

The next meeting will be April 12, at the Palace Cafe.

Urges Larger Spring Gardens

New Madrid, Mo.—Home Demonstration Agent Anne Sillers today urged in view of recent dry falls that larger spring gardens be planted by farm families to enable them to better follow a live-at-home program.

She pointed out that recent arid autumns had made it almost impossible to raise gardens in that season.

Tender, young vegetables that have made rapid growth are more easily canned, give a better product and there is less spoilage.

Since greens can be had from the garden the greater part of the year, it is not advisable to can great quantities of them.

It is well to can some of the spring beans for variety. Tomatoes, beets, corn, peas and carrots are favorites for canning.

Highway intersections are definite danger points. Last month, seventy-two automobile accidents occurred at intersections on the state-maintained system. Four of these were fatal accidents.

What Every Metropolitan Policyholder Should Know about his Company

Metropolitan presents its Business Report for the year ending December 31, 1939. (In accordance with the Annual Statement filed with the New York State Insurance Department.)

ASSETS WHICH ASSURE FULFILLMENT OF OBLIGATIONS

National Government Securities		$1,015,938,914.60
U. S. Government	$948,082,869.84	
Canadian Government	67,856,044.76	
Other Bonds		1,882,379,020.85
U. S. State & Municipal	110,055,727.87	
Canadian Provincial & Municipal	103,823,959.75	
Railroad	573,665,903.43	
Public Utilities	689,740,113.65	
Industrial & Miscellaneous	405,093,316.15	
Stocks (All but $22,561.13 are Preferred or Guaranteed.)		86,624,833.01
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate		953,658,650.07
Farms	76,890,988.22	
Other property	876,767,661.85	
Loans on Policies		515,495,459.26
Real Estate Owned (Includes real estate for Company use, and housing projects.)		407,215,594.74
Cash		132,667,027.52
Premiums Outstanding and Deferred		87,666,343.58
Interest Due and Accrued, etc.		60,340,337.46
TOTAL		$5,141,986,181.09

OBLIGATIONS TO POLICYHOLDERS, BENEFICIARIES, AND OTHERS

Policy Reserves required by law (Amount which, with interest and future premiums, will assure payment of policy claims.)	$4,493,833,205.00
Dividends to Policyholders (Set aside for payment during the year 1940.)	112,999,638.00
Reserve for Future Payments on Supplementary Contracts	112,986,146.83
Held for Claims (Including claims awaiting completion of proof and estimated amount of unreported claims.)	22,931,579.79
Other Policy Obligations (Including reserves for Accident and Health Insurance, dividends left with Company, premiums paid in advance, etc.)	42,377,943.67
Miscellaneous Liabilities (Liabilities not included above, such as taxes due or accrued, special reserves, etc.)	47,140,101.00
TOTAL OBLIGATIONS	$4,832,268,614.29
Surplus (This serves as a margin of safety, a cushion against contingencies which cannot be foreseen.)	309,717,566.80
TOTAL	$5,141,986,181.09

NOTE—Assets carried at $221,390,536.99 in the above statement are deposited with various public officials under requirements of law or regulatory authority. Canadian business embraced in this statement is reported on basis of par of exchange.

TEN YEARS OF PROGRESS

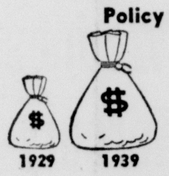
Highlights of Metropolitan's growth and stability over the past decade

Insurance in Force



Life Insurance
1929 . . $17,933,000,000
1939 . . $23,193,000,000
Accident & Health Insurance Weekly Indemnity
1929 . . . . $13,928,000
1939 . . . . $19,894,000

Policy Reserves



1929 . . . $2,659,000,000
1939 . . . $4,493,000,000
Funds held, as required by law, to assure payments to policyholders.

Payments



1929 . . . . $335,000,000
1939 . . . . $604,000,000
Funds paid or credited to policyholders and their beneficiaries.

After fulfilling all its contractual obligations (including payment of over $4,260,000,000 to policyholders and beneficiaries) over the 10-year period of adverse economic conditions from 1929 through 1939, Metropolitan

1. . . . added to its contingency reserve, or surplus, as an extra safety factor, more than	$132,000,000
2. . . . strengthened the basis of its policy reserves to the extent of	45,000,000
3. . . . made expenditures to improve properties acquired through foreclosure, without increasing their valuation	25,000,000
4. . . . reduced the valuation of securities and real estate as carried on its books, by more than	216,000,000
5. . . . expended on health and welfare work for policyholders more than	58,000,000
	$ 476,000,000
6. *YET, over this same 10-year period, and in addition to the above, Metropolitan also paid or credited to its policyholders almost one billion dollars in dividends*	992,000,000
TOTAL	$1,468,000,000

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MISSOURI Manuscript

BY JAMES K. HUTSELL

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Through all the tribulations and the years, some people run on like a clock in a thunder storm. It was that way with the stout old Scotsman whom Springfield lost the other day — old Arch McGregor... Mr. Arch bossed Springfield; it did what he told it to do, and Springfield didn't mind admitting it. He had been about that bossing for fifty years.

Arch McGregor literally bumped into Springfield seventy-five years ago in a big wagon. He was 10 years old. His stern old Iowa daddy had come to Springfield because he thought he saw the makings of a good hardware business there. And John McGregor had some ideas about what he wanted his Archie to do, too.

As soon as the public schools opened after the Civil War, he stuck Archie in school. When Drury College was founded in 1873, Archie McGregor was the second student to be registered. At 18, he went to work for his father's company traveling the Ozark hills on horseback and carrying a pricebook written in his own hand. That book was the McGregor Hardware Company's first catalog.

Arch married the neighbor's pretty daughter, Harriet, a few years later. They celebrated their golden anniversary last fall. Harriet was great on the society stuff. Arch didn't give a hoot for it. But it worked this way: Arch and Harriet complemented each other on a highly successful partnership. Arch didn't have any interests other than business and the civic development of Springfield. That latter interest didn't take him into politics though. It had done that for his father. John McGregor had been mayor, president of the school board, all the rest. Arch worked it a different way. He just sat in his St. Louis Street Store—but somehow it got around what it was that Arch wanted done. Never in his life did he hold an elective public office. He didn't have to.

He has been credited — and probbaly justly—with being the father of road improvement in the Ozarks. He organized (from his background office) the region's chambers of commerce, its manufacturer's associations its colleges, its community and relief drives, and its fairs.

Fairs . . . that brings up something funny about Arch McGregor. He hated politics, and oil stocks, and cigarettes (though he had his own specially-made cigars), and fishing, and liquor (he never took a drink in his life), travel—even business trips. But he did like fairs and bands. He went to Chicago's Century of Progress both summers it was held, and spent entire afternoons following a Scottish band over the grounds, just to hear it play.

Springfield lost another prominent citizen two days later. We record it because of the sentimental newspaper yarn it involves. Edson K. Bixby, editor of the Springfield News and Leader-Press, lay fatally ill at his home on the day that Arch McGregor died. Rather than let the editor know of the passing of Mr. McGregor and of another of his friends recorded in the same Friday edition, the managing editor went to the complicated effort of printing a special edition of the newspaper—an edition of but one copy, with the story of those deaths omitted. Editor Bixby read the edition that evening, the last paper he ever saw.

A $214.88 share in the estate of a Johnson County man who died in 1921—a share unclaimed by a niece when the estate was divided—brings up again the strange story of one of the nation's strangest railway disasters. The missing niece, Mrs. Myra D. Moore and her 10-year-old son, were last heard of when they took a train from Salt Lake City for Idaho. What train they departed on is unknown; they never reached their destination. Shortly after the time they are believed to have left Salt Lake City, a train in Idaho was struck by an avalanche, hurled into a gorge, and buried under tons of rock and snow. The bodies never were recovered. Mrs. Moore now has been declared legally dead, and attorneys have started action in the probate court at Warrensburg to have her unclaimed share of the uncle's estate recovered from the state escheat funds, into which is placed money of persons who cannot be located. After twenty-one years, such monies of missing persons become the absolute property of the state, but before that period has elapsed they can be reclaimed.

The "Gone With the Wind" hysteria that two or three weeks ago overtook Missouri, until thousands of movie-goers from the smaller communities motored to the larger centers in suth droves that highway patrolmen proclaimed the film a major traffic problem, has now abated. Not wishing to cause those hard-working gentlemen of the patrol another such series of sleepless nights, we can nevertheless not refrain from forecasting the possibility of another such problem facing them.

Jane Darwell, Palmyra Missouri's claim to film fame, has just succeeded in practically walking away with the motion-picture version of John Steinbeck's "Grapes of Wrath." As Ma Joad, Miss Darwell has finally come to the top after one of the most thanklessly rewarded careers of any veteran in the studios.

Even if the "Grapes of Wrath" production doesn't turn into a general highway problem, at least Jane Darwell's work and the wholly commendable appeal of local pride should turn Marion County's roads into the finest traffic-snarl the Palmyra area has ever had a chance to witness.

A reader came to us the other day to announce that the greatest lines of Missouri's greatest literary figure—Mark Twain — have never had the attention they deserve. He quoted, (and to please him) we quote: "I have no special regard for Satan, but I can at least respect his talents. A person who has for untold centuries maintained the imposing position of spiritual head of four-fifths of the human race and political abilities of the loftiest order. I would like to see him . . . see him and shake him by the tail!"

YOUNG TOM EDISON

ADAPTED FROM THE Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer PICTURE

by GERTRUDE GELBIN

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Chapter One

TOM THE TINKER

Nancy Edison hurried to the window to call her husband to breakfast. The warm smile lighting her face faded as she watched Mr. Edison hitch his horse to his feed and grain wagon. She sighed. Sam Edison's expression was bleak with worry. She knew why. Money troubles. Sam took their financial difficulties to heart!

If only he could comfort himself in the knowledge that the family was in good health; that Bill, their oldest, was doing creditably by his job in Fraser; that the other two were fine children, even if young Tom was constantly getting into trouble, and even if his little sister Tannie did continually follow his lead.

She opened the window. "Breakfast's ready, Sam," she called.

"Children up yet?" he asked.

She nodded. "I'll call them again, though." She hurried off to the door leading from the hall to the cellar. She opened it and peered downwards. "Tom!"

There was no answer.

Young Tom Edison was too engrossed in work in the cellar that served as his laboratory to hear his mother.

A work bench sufficed to hold the telegraph mechanism, the jars, batteries, wire and tools which were his toys. A battered old desk, littered with bits of paper and drawings, leaned against the wall beneath a shelf filled with bottles, each one of which bore the impressive warning: "POISON!"

Tom, at the moment, was standing near the door opening from cellar to outside yard, in the flood of morning light. In one hand he held a Leydn Jar battery; in the other a bottle of sulphuric acid.

"TOM!"

The boy started as his mother's voice sounded sharply from upstairs.

"Yes, mother?" he answered hastily, putting battery and bottle down on the work table.

Nancy Edison smiled. He must have been "experimenting" again. That's why he hadn't answered her first call. "You'd better wake Tannie," she shouted cheerfully. "She'll be late for school."

Tom nodded and reached out his hand toward the wall from which dangled two pieces of rope. He twitched one sharply.

Upstairs, in her bed, Tannie lay sleeping. Her right foot protruded from the bed clothes. A string was tied to her big toe.

The string jerked in lively fashion and she sat upright. For a moment she blinked her eyes, unaware of her whereabouts. The string jerked a second time and brought her to. She rolled over to the side of her bed and picked up a huge funnel attached to a rubber hose that came up through the floor.

"Alright, Tom," she cried into the funnel. "I'm awake."

The toe-string stopped jerking.

Tannie yawned and shivered slightly. "Tom!" she called once more into the funnel. "Tom, it's cold. Put down the window."

In the cellar, Tom, holding a similar funnel and hose device, made answer. "I can't close the window, Tannie. The closer isn't fixed right — "

"Well I won't get up till you do," Tannie's voice answered back.

"Alright, I'll try it," he replied.

He reached for the second rope hanging from the wall, and pulled it.

Outside the house, Sam Edison put the finishing touches to his horse and wagon. Suddenly, a pane of glass crashed from Tannie's bedroom, sprinkling the ground about him with flying pieces.

"Tannie!" he roared. "Why can't you be more careful."

Tannie looked out of the window, her face lined with dismay. At the same moment, Tom's head and shoulders appeared at the cellar door.

"What happened?" he asked, his expression one of startled annoyance.

"What happened!" shouted Mr. Edison. "Can't you see what happened? Tannie broke the window."

"Oh!" Tom eyed the ground ruefully. "She didn't break it, Father, I did."

"You?" stormed his father. "Why you were in the cellar — "

"I did it just the same," Tom explained. "You see I pull a string down here and it closes the window up there. I must have pulled it too hard."

"It never occurred to you that the broken glass might have hit someone?" Mr. Edison questioned sternly. "That it might have cut someone badly?"

Tom shook his head. "No, sir, it didn't."

Mr. Edison's mouth set in a hard line. "Come in to breakfast," he ordered curtly

"Yes, sir."

Tom disappeared into the darkness of the cellar and ran up the stairs.

Mr. Edison strode into the house and took his place at the table, ignoring the cheerful greeting of his wife and their elder son, Bill. In a few minutes, Tom and Tannie tip-toed into the room and slid into their chairs. The family ate in silence.

Mr. Edison put down his spoon. "I haven't enough on my shoulders without paying for broken windows!" He glared at Tom. "Any other father would warm your pants."

Nobody offered any comment.

"Am I right?" he demanded sharply.

"Well — " began Tom.

"Don't interrupt!" he shouted.

Nancy Edison threw her son a warning glance. "I'm sure he's sorry, Sam," she said softly. "After all, it was an accident — "

Her husband smoldered as he set himself for a reply. Bill forestalled the storm by jumping up from his seat. "Nearly train time—" he observed. He bent over and kissed his mother. An understanding look passed between them. Bill had saved Tom a licking by his quick change of subject. "Goodbye, Mom — "

"Goodbye, Bill," she smiled. "Take care of yourself — "

He nodded. "Goodbye, sir," he beamed at his father. "And don't worry about anything — I'll take care of things over at Fraser — "

As he made for the door, Mrs. Edison followed up her advantage. "Hurry, Tom — hurry Tannie — you'll be late for school — "

Tannie got up quickly and tugged her brother's arm. "Come on Tom — we're late — "



"Another father would warm his pants."

As Tom scrambled to his feet, his sleeve caught in the pitcher of milk and turned it over on the table.

His father half rose in his chair, his face clouding with anger; but Mrs. Edison restrained him.

Tom stared at the spilt milk for a moment then backed away from the table, upsetting a chair. With a half-frightened look at his father and a quick smile at his mother, he bolted from the room.

"Tom — your books — " his mother called after him.

The boy darted back, seized his books, and rushed out.

Sam Edison's mouth closed tightly and he shook his head in exasperation. "That boy is a real problem, Nancy."

She looked at him sharply. "Everytime you wake up with a cramp, Sam Edison, you take it out on Tom."

"I haven't a cramp," he protested. "You pamper him too much — "

She busied herself wiping up the milk Tom had spilt. "Tom's different from the others," she observed quietly.

"That's what I'm worried about," he answered grimly. "He has that Yankee trait of tinkering with useless things — like the window upstairs; like that telegraph wire that old man Dingle hurt his leg on. Maybe you remember that cost us eleven dollars — "

Nancy Edison watched him shrewdly, waiting for the right moment to interrupt.

"Nancy," he continued, "you're too easy with that boy. If you're not careful he'll be no good to himself nor anybody else."

A smile lit her eyes, but she concealed it under lowered lids. "Maybe you're right, Sam," she said humbly. "You're wiser than I am."

Sam Edison shot a quick glance at his wife. "Now, Nancy," he said cautiously, "when you agree with me so easily, it makes me think I'm wrong — "

"No, no," she replied hastily. "No, truly, Sam. I'll handle the boy just as you say. After all — you're his father — you do know how he should be handled — "

Edison's grim look gave way to a smile. He rose from his chair and crossed over to his wife, kissing her lightly on the cheek. "Nancy Edison," he grinned, "you're a faker."

Mrs. Edison's face brightened. As long as her Sam grinned everything was alright; and everything would be all right — even the endless problems brought on by Tom could be smoothed out to please his severest critic, his father.

What is Tom's next escapade? Can Nancy Edison right it for him with his dad? Read tomorrow's chapter.

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Safetygrams

BY FRED W. BRAUN The Safety Man

Several times, in this column, I have asked certain questions pertaining to safe driving. Some of the editors have felt that this type of information is valuable and interesting.

The question today is: During any one hour period, when are automobile accidents most frequent?

There have been some wild guesses on this, but statistics show that the hour between 5 and 6 p. m. is the danger hour for accidents. This is due to several things. In a congested or metropolitan area, people on their way home from work, take unnecessary chances in hurrying through heavy traffic. On long trips, the average person becomes tired at dusk and, therefore, coming darkness together with fatigue, are responsible for many accidents.

Be careful all of the time, but be especially careful at this time of the day.

The New York Board of Education was nettled last week because it could not get rid of its biggest problem, even as a "fire hazard." The Board of Superintendents has balked efforts to force retirement of a 275-pound woman teacher. The teacher, who has a stiff knee and is unable to flex her wrist, has dispensed knowledge for 33 years, during which time she has been absent 1556 days—about eight teaching years—and tardy 725 times, a New York record. Said board President James Marshall, "a person who cannot walk and put on her coat without help is a fire hazard. She is bound to slow up the exit from school in case of emergency."

Whales over 90 feet long were caught in the Antarctic this season.

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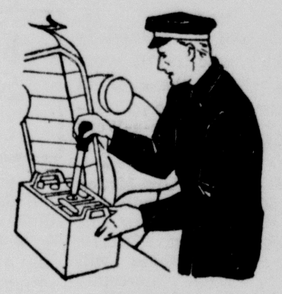
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We are authorized to announce Walter Ancell as a candidate for re-election to the office of Constable of Richland Township subject to the will of the voters the August primary.

Walter Ancell has placed his announcement fee on the barrel head and his name has been placed in the list of patriots who wish to offer themselves on the sacrificial altar. He is asking for a second term as Constable and points to his record as a reason why he should be given another term.

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"Trailer Vagabond," written by Warren Bayley, who travels about the country visiting the different points of interest, will be published weekly in the Twice-a-Week Sikeston Standard commencing with today. This travel series is made possible by Kirk-McCoy Hardware Co. Readers will find it to their interest to follow this "Trailer Vagabond" travel series each week, for the articles will take them to strange, interesting and prominent places in the United States, Canada and Mexico. Later the series of articles are to be published in book form with 10 pictures illustrating each article and made available for those desiring this type of travel book.

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Bankers of the Nation who are continually flaying the Roosevelt administration need to remember that it is only since the New Deal that their fear of the bank examiner's visit has practically disappeared.

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If the New Deal is not good enough, what does the G. O. P. have to offer in its place? To merely change parties would be of no avail—the people still remember conditions in previous Republican years. The country is ready and willing to swap the New Deal for a better one—let let the G. O. P. come forward with its plans and speak out in meeting.

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Highway employees were notified last Thursday that they must keep out of politics. In about two more years, if this mania for outlawing political activities continues, it will be a misdemeanor to belong to a political party. And, believe it or not, all the righteous indignation against party workers is being voiced by office-holders who would have remained in private life except for men who hustled up the votes which elected them. No democracy can function without workers. All this hurrah about promoting pure politics by depriving jobholders of their right to take part in political campaigns sounds good, but it really doesn't mean anything.—Paris Appeal.

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The thing that is agitating the two newspapers of Sikeston is how come the printing of the ballots to be given to a sundown cutthroat office when the proprietor is a member of the City Council, which is against the law of averages.

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FROM THE SHOULDER

—By James G. Stahlman

A thin-skinned Judge in St. Louis has fined and sentenced the editor and the cartoonist of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

On a charge of contempt.

That's the favorite resort of the judiciary

When a fearless press,
Champion of a people's right to the Truth,
Publishes the Truth,
In News,
In Editorial Comment,
In Cartoon.

That's the duty of every decent newspaper,
Regardless of political affiliation,
Personal friendship
Or what-have-you.
That's what constitutes freedom of the press.
The phrase doesn't mean a publisher's right to print anything he pleases.
It does mean the right of the citizen
To have the Truth
Through the printed word,
About everything pertaining to his welfare.
Political,
Judicial,
Economic,
Social.

It is the duty of the newspaper
To print the Truth,
Whether it reflects upon the courts,
The clergy,
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The bum,
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The Attorney-General,
The tax collector,
The high-up,
Or the low-down.

So there's no need for the courts to get touchy
When a newspaper has guts enough to protest injustice,
When the protest is in the interest of the man in the street,
The white-collar lad,
Or the bird with the Prince Albert and spats.
They're all the same,
Or Should Be,
In the eyes of the law.
Injustice is Injustice
Wherever it may be found.
It is frequently found in our courts.
When it is unearthed,
It should be exposed to the light of day.
That's what a free press is for in a democracy.

But there are lots of fellows in public office,
Many on the bench,
Many in private business.
Who can't stand "publicity."
They can't take it,
When it happens to them.
That's when they yelp.
That's when they squirm.
That's when the courts resort to contempt proceedings.
That's when the rights of free men
To a Free Press,
Are jeopardized.

When the American citizen is denied access to the Truth
Through the printed word,
On the air,
On the screen,
In the forum.
Then democracy becomes a fraud,
A sham,
A snare
And a delusion.
That's when we're headed for tyranny.
That's when liberty heads for the doghouse.

I don't know anything about the merits of the Post-Dispatch case.

I do know that the Post-Dispatch

Is one of the most ardent champions of the people.

It is a liberal newspaper.

It believes in preservation of civil liberties.

It isn't going to be swerved from its duty to the public
By any citations for contempt,
By any fines,
By any jail sentences.
It isn't going to take that sort of stuff lying down.
Old Joe Pulitzer wouldn't have done it.
His son and namesake won't.
Neither will the rest of the P.-D. crowd.
They're real newspaper men.
They live up to their obligations.
They know their rights.
They know the rights of the American citizen,
Guaranteed to him
Under the Federal Constitution.
The P.-D. boys won't stop short of every test
Of those rights.
And it's my guess,
They won't be wrong.

Courts,
Tyrants,
Dictators,
Have tried before to throttle the American press.
They haven't been successful, so far.
The Supreme Court has always held for The People.
That's what they'll do this trip,
Unless I miss my guess.

The four Old Men
And the five New Men
Still know their law.
I don't think they'll fail the people,
For it's the right of the people
Which is involved
In the Post-Dispatch case,
Not the power,
Or the pique,
Or the whim,
Or the venom
Of a particular Judge.
I'll lay my money on the Post-Dispatch.—Nashville Banner.

52 Registered For Scout Camp

Cape Girardeau, Mo. — The Southeast Missouri area council, Boy Scouts of America, announced today that 52 registrations had been received for Camp Lewallen.

Staff members are Randall Britton, Cape Girardeau, camp director; John Middleton, Cape Girardeau, cook; L. R. Seabaugh, Jackson; Duane Deen, Chaffee; Joe Bob Cockran and Marvin Strunk, Cape Girardeau; Joe Cash, Kennett; and Fraysher Ferguson, Fredericktown, who will direct the water front and act as assistant camp director.

Next Monday has been set as the deadline for receiving registrations for Lewallen and the Wilderness and Don Beard camps.

IT WAS PAPER THAT MADE PRINTING REVOLUAIONARY

Five hundred years ago, printing was invented. Therefore there will be much celebrating this year, opines "The Pleasures of Publishing" — sparking literary causerie, published weekly by Columbia University Press. But hark:

"The name we have decided to honor is Gutenberg. The reason? Probably the 42-line Bible which is in all respect the Book of Books. This particular book was printed on the skins of sheep, and each copy of one edition required no less than the skins of 300 of these animals. Obviously mankind would never have been liberated by printnig if each copy of a fair-sized book required the sacrifice of twenty or thirty sheep.

"It was paper which made the printing of quantities of books possible. And for paper, we are indebted to what has so childishly been called 'the heathen Chinee.' Paper had been invented in China by the year 105 of our era. Its journey westward over the silk routes to Europe required more than a thousand years.

"By all means let us celebrate the five hundredth anniversary of the invention of printing—in Europe. But let us look also at Thomas Carter's classic contribution, "The Invention of Printing in China and its Spread Westward,' and remind ourselves that not only did the Chinese invent the paper that made it possible for printing to become more than an esoteric pastime, but also that "the heathen Chinee' were printing from seals 200 years before the birth of Christ. In the year 175, even, they were engraving on stone and pulling a form of lithographic print from it—rubbings, they were called. . . Ink? The Chinese had that before Christ."

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Debaters 4th in Meet

High school debaters finished fourth on a percentage basis in the annual tournament of the Missouri High School Debating League, sponsored by the University of Missouri, at Columbia Saturday.

The girls' affirmative team won its first debate from Maryville Colelge high by a ten-point margin out lost its second to West Plains by a five points.

Rockhurst high of Kansas City and Springfield high took two debates from the boys' negative team by five-point margins.

Four teams in hte tourney had better win and loss records than Sikeston Rockhurst won first place and Springfield second in the tourney whcih was the final eliminations of the seanon in which 219 teams started.

Coach and Mrs. Garland Parker accompanied the debaters to Columbia Friday and returned with them Sunday.

The girls' team was composed of Betty Lou Barger, Mary Emma Donnell and the boys' team, C. D. Butler and William Marsh.

Enumerating Job Moving Smoothly Here

How old are you?

What's your income?

Census enumerators, who wind up a week's work here today, reported no reluctance on the part of the Sikeston public to answer such posers as those.

While they are sworn to secrecy on all details of the question and answer job, they volunteered that the work was going forward smoothly.

Supervisor W. G. Wicker said at Cape Girardeau that the nose counters had done an unbelievable amount of work during the first week in his 10-county district.

He said that the staff was weary but had learned the ins and outs and will really get down to the task next week.

None has reported that he has his enumerating nearly done and he predicted a number would require 30 days to finish their districts.

CLOSE GYM CLASS

Gym classes for business men have closed for the season. The classes were held at the high school gymnasium through the winter months by Edwin Hartford, principal of the south grade school, and Teacher Thurman Travelstead of the Bailey school in charge. As many as 35 attended some of the classes.

TRACK TRYOUTS

Tryouts for positions on the high school track squad will be run off today, Coach Vernon Green said. The tryouts will determine who will represent the school in an invitational meet at Charleston Thursday.

Poor Japan; She has succeeded in convincing herself that she has licked China, but she is getting nowhere in her efforts to convince China.

Church Meet To Draw 150

Approximately 150 degegates expected to attend the final St. Louis district Methodist missionary conference of the southern church here today, tomorrow and Thursday.

This afternoon's session will be held at the Christian church instead of the Methodist church because of funeral services to be held there for C. C. White. The Tuesday night and other assemblies will be held at the Methodist church.

Among those to address the gathering will be Bishop J. C. Broomfield of the Missouri area of the Methodist church and Rabbi Ferdinand M. Isserman, Temple Israel, St. Louis.

Boy's Eye Is Hurt by Pole

A fishpole with which he and a companion were playing Sunday caused a painful injury for Bradford Shain, seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shain.

The child was hurt when the pole, thrown by his brother, Billy, struck him in the eye. A tear duct and the lower lid of the right eye were cut by the blow. His vision was not affected.

Bradford was taken to the St. Francis hospital at Cape Girardeau, where he will remain for five days.

Release Youth Held For Army

Release of Douglas Robert Sims, 24, from the Benton county jail Saturday was announced today by Trooper John Tandy. The youth, who officers reported admitted desertion from the U. S. Army post at Fort McClellan, Ala., had been in custody several days.

His release came after Army officials notified authorities here that they did not want him and would not send for him.

Mrs. Norah Grabendyke has gone to Los Angeles, Calif., to visit relatives for a month.

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MAKE PROGRESS IN FSA PROJECTS

Progress in surveying projects, getting contours and locations for group housing projects in seven counties of Southeast Missouri was reported today by the district engineers office of the Farm Security Administration. The counties are Scott, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Stoddard, Dunklin and Butler.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moody had as dinner guests Sunday night, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Inman and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Glass of Cape Girardeau and Miss Marydelle Moneymaker of Eddyville, Ky.

The Chevrolet division of General Motors Corporation announces that retail sales in January and February of this year were 44.6 per cent greater than for the like period of 1939. Since the start of the 1940 model season last October slightly more than 600,000 units has been produced by the division.

WANT ADS

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WANTED— TO BUY—Cash paid for used furniture to be rebuilt and sold by Suvers Used Furniture Store. Phone 171. tf-59

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FOR RENT — Furnished rooms. 414 Prosperity. tf-59

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Father, Son Accused in $100,000 Advance Fire

Bloomfield, April 6.—W. C. Barnett, 55, and his son, David Barnett, 22, of Advance were held in the Stoddard County jail here today facing charges of arson in connection with the $100,000 fire which destroyed the Stoddard County Milling Co. plant at Advance last Sunday night.

The Father and son, who have been barbers at Advance a number of years and who have not previously been in serious trouble waived a preliminary hearing Friday afternoon and in lieu of $2500 bond each was remanded to jail, to await disposal of the case in Circuit Court.

Prosecuting Attorney Henry Cain said that shortly after the suspects were taken into custody Thursday night they gave written statements about the burning of the big building.

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He said the investigation apparently is completed. The state probably will attempt to prove in court, he said, that a fire was set in the building by David Barnett, and that this was done at the instigation of the father.

Investigating officers, including Deputy Sheriff Clyde Alexander, said at least one of the two suspects apparently had some sort of "complex" as to fires which probably led to the crime . A chance remark made recently at Advance gave rise to the investigation, which was quickly worked out after Thursday night.

Upon conviction, the suspects would stand to be sentenced to from 2 to 10 years in state prison. The charge was filed before Justice Pres Hearn of Bloomfield.

The heavy loss was only partially covered by insurance, Mr. Cain said.

There were two other serious fires at Advance this year, but the suspects deny they knew anything of their cause.



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County Agent Urges Care In Melon Growing

New Madrid, Mo.—One of the most popular varieties of watermelons in Southeast Missouri is the Dixie Queen, the round white-seeded striped variety which produces melons in about 95 days. County Agent Herlinger recommends the following practices:

Use the best seed from the best source available.

Treat all seed with an organic mercury dust to control seed rotting and such seed-borne diseases as anthracnose, damping off, etc.

Poison field mice with poisoned wheat or oats 7 to 10 days before planting time.

Make at least 2 planting—the first between April 10 and 15, the second within one week after the first planting. Plant 3 to 7 seeds per hill.

Control insect pests. The first dusting should be done as soon as the melons crack the ground. For best results melons should be dusted right after every rain, and at least weekly between rains until danger from insect damage is past.

Thin hill to two vines per hill when the vines have 4 leaves. When vines are about 2 feet long thin to one vine per hill.

Cultivate frequently enough to prevent practically all weed growth. When moving vines be careful to prevent rolling or twisting of vines, then restore vines to original position.

The formula for the recommended field mice poison is as follows: Laundry starch, 1 teaspoonful; Strychnine Alluloid, ⅛ ounce; Baking Soda, 1 teaspoonful; Corn sirup, ¼ pint; Wheat or oats, 2 quarts. Dissolve the starch in ½ cup of cold water. Add ½ cup boiling water. Dissolve soda in ¼ cup cold water. Dissolve Strychnine in ¼ cup hot water. Stir all of the above ingredients together, add sirup, and stir well. Pour mixture over the grain, and stir until the grain is thoroughly coated.

Place a rounding teaspoonful of poisoned grain in a tin can and mash the can almost closed, leaving an opening large enough so that only mice can enter.

When poisoned bait is so handled birds, chickens, etc. will not ordinarily come in contact with the poison. Extreme care should be taken not to leave any of the poison mixture where children or domestic animals and fowls may get to it.

Twenty to 25 cans of poison per acre are considered sufficient by most watermelon growers.

To the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Heinrich in Sandoval, Ill., a physician raced with the stork. He lost. But it didn't matter. When he arrived at the Heinrichs' so had a bouncing son and the heroine was a young woman who had acted successfully as midwife. "Are you a nurse?" the doctor asked. "No, just a census taker," replied the woman as she added the new arrival to her census list and earned an extra 4 cents.

Standard $2.00 per year.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Wallace visited in Fredericktown over the week end.

J. L. Sutterfield spent Saturday and Sunday in Farmington and West Fork, Mo.

Mrs. E. C. Flint of St. Louis was the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. J. Welsh over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Dace had as week end guests, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Watson of Cairo, Ill.

Water Hyacinths and Large Gold Fish for pools. Phone 501. Woehlecke, the Florist.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rafferty spent the week end with relatives in Cape Girardeau and Jackson.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ford at their home near Brown Spur, Friday evening.

Mrs. Paul E. Brewer has as her house guest this week, Miss Mary Elizabeth Schulte of Farmington.

Marvin Rayburn, a student at Washington University, St. Louis spent the week end here with his parents.

Virgil Suvers has returned to Sikeston and has entered the used furniture business with his brother, Guy.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kelly of East Alton, Ill., visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Wood last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Buchanan spent last Thursday in Golconda, Ill., with the former's brothers, Louis and W. R. Buchanan.

Miss Frances Ann Sitzes has returned home after finishing a business course at Miss Hickey's Secretarial Training School in St. Louis.

Joe Tatum Cason of Henderson, Tenn., returned to his home Saturday after a visit here with his uncle, B. B. Tatum, and Mrs. Tatum.

Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Throgmorton had as their guests Saturday, the former's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Barnett of West Frankfort, Ill.

Mrs. Burl Heath will have as a guest this week, Mrs. L. P. Lumsden of Caruthersville, who will be a delegate to the Missionary Conference.

Miss Martha Stokely of Cairo, Ill., was a guest in the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Childress over the week end.

Miss Nell Yanson, Miss Bonita Hedden and Miss Jewell Mouser, teachers at the Bailey School, made an inspection of schools in St. Louis last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Henry and two daughters, Lenora Jean and Maude Ellen of St. Louis were week end guests of Mrs. Henry's sister, Mrs. Ray Duncan and Mr. Duncan.

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Mrs. Paul Bumbarger arrived Sunday night from Memphis, Mo., to join Mr. Bumbarger, who is filling the position of reporter on the Standard Staff, during the absence of Ed Edelen.

Miss Ruth Bateman returned Sunday night from St. Louis where she had accompanied her father, H. H. Bateman, who sustained an operation at Missouri Baptist Hospital Saturday morning.

Mrs. Ben Carroll and daughter, Miss Flavia, Mrs. J. T. Singleton Jr., and Miss Elizabeth Bloomfield visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Hulen in St. Louis Saturday night and Sunday.

DOGWOOD IN THE SPRINGTIME



According to the National Wildlife Federation, another native American not always properly appreciated by his countrymen, but regarded by Europeans as one of the most ornamental trees in the world, is the Flowering Dogwood. However, it is the showiest of all spring flowering trees in and eastward of the plains states and is a native of the woods from Massachusetts to Florida, west to Ontario and Texas.

The real flowers of the Dogwood are produced in inconspicuous small terminal heads. These are surrounded by petal-like bracts, which almost cover the horizontal spreading branches and make the tree seem to float in the soft spring air.

Artist Leslie Ragan has caught the very essence of its magic in this painting for the new 1940 series of Wildlife Poster Stamps issued by the Federation.

Giant Pansy Plants Now Ready. Phone 501. Woehlecke, the Florist.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Schrader visited their parents in Cape Girardeau last week end.

Mrs. Ernest Hedden spent the week end in St. Louis with her daughter, Miss Edna Hedden.

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Miss Virginia Williams visited friends and relatives in St. Louis over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. John Powell and Mrs. M. G. Gresham spent Friday in St. Louis.

Dr. B. F. Blanton and Mrs. Blanton are in Hattiesburg, Miss., the guests of their daughter, Mrs. Larry Hatfield and family. The Doctor expects to be back in his office Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bethune had as dinner guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Steimle and daughter of Cape Girardeau, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dunnegan and son of Illmo and Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Rayburn.

Mrs. E. O. DeField entertained the following guests at dinner at the Palace Cafe last Thursday evening in honor of Mr. DeField's birth anniversary, Miss Mildred Jackson, Mrs. R. E. Patterson and Norval Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wagner and children visited relatives in Glen Allen and Lutesville Sunday. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Charles Rodgers and son, Bobby, who will visit in their home during the Methodist Missionary Conference.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Sikes returned Sunday after a cruise to Puerto Rico where they were guests of friends for a week. En route to New Orleans, La., where they embarked for the cruise, they stopped at Natchez, Miss., for the Garden Pilgrimage. On the return trip, they landed at Mobile, Ala.

Mrs. E. E. Ebert of Jonesburg, Mo., a former resident of Sikeston, arrived last week to visit Misses Caroline and Isabelle Hess and to attend the Methodist Missionary Conference to be held here this week. Friends of Mrs. Ebert were asked to call informally at the Hess home Friday and Saturday.

APPRECIATION

I wish to thank the friends who sent flowers to the funeral of my father, Iran McMunn last Wednesday at Malden.

Ed McMunn.



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Ladies Aid To Elect Officers

The Ladies Aid Society of the Christian Church will hold an all-day meeting and covered dish luncheon at the church Thursday, April 11, at which time new officers will be elected.

Mrs. W. H. Brewer of Cape Girardeau, District President of the Christian Missionary Societies, will be present as well as representatives from Scott, New Madrid and Cape Girardeau Counties, who will form a committee to meet with Mrs. J. L. Sutterfield, Scott County Chairman, and make plans for a district meeting of the Missionary Societies to be held here in May.

J. L. Matthews, H. L. Harty and Leo Fisher departed Thursday noon for Los Angeles, Calif., on a business and pleasure trip. They will be away ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Jewell and son Judge Brown Jewell, left Thursday morning to spend 3 weeks in Hot Springs, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Tennill of Kansas City spent Monday night with Mrs. Tennill's uncle, E. G. Tipp, and family. Mr. and Mrs. Tennill were enroute to New Orleans, La.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hill and daughter, Shirley of St. Louis spent the week end with Mrs. Hill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gray. Mr. Hill returned home Monday, while Mrs. Hill and daughter remained for a longer visit.

The condition of John Simler, who has been seriously ill for the past several weeks, is reported to be improving.

With veritable truth Mr. and Mrs. Vito Wikowski of Kingston, Pa., can say they "embraked" on matrimony. Flood waters in Kingston last week made it necessary for them to go to church by boat for the wedding ceremony, which was conducted while the water steadily rose. Afterward they stepped from the church door into their boat and rowed to the bride's home for a reception.

GENUINE BEAUTY DOESN'T COME FROM A POWDER PUFF

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Birth Rate Shows Gain

Jefferson City, Mo.—The birth rate for last year in Missouri was the highest recorded since 1931, according to the provisional summary of vital statistics released today by the State Health Department.

The new high rate of 16.35 per 1,000 population should be of interest to educators, sociologists and economists who have been so concerned with the decreasing birth rate and the aging population in Missouri, commented Dr. Harry F. Parker, State Health Commissioner. However, the significance to be attached to this high birth rate is limited by the provisional nature of the statistics which are based upon the total number of certificates received in the State Health Department during the year. The final tabulation probably will be slightly lower.

In only one previous year was the death rate lower than in 1939. The crude death rate of 10.67. This small increase in mortality can be attributed in the main to diseases of the older age groups, as heart disease, cerebral hemorrhage, diabetes and nephritis. Death rates from the communicable diseases were generally favorable showing improvement in typhoid fever, measles, scarlet fever, whooping cough, diptheria, pulmonary tuberculosis and others.

The leading causes of death for 1939 with the rates per 100,000 population were reported as follows: Heart disease 265.22, cancer 126.17, nephritis 107.55, cerebral hemorrhage 89.20, pneumonia 74.96, all accidents 68.96, and all forms of tuberculosis 45.65.

New low records were also established for infant and maternal mortality rates. Provisional returns for 1939 show an infant rate of 43.48 per 1,000 live births against the previous low of 51.07 in 1938 and a maternal mortality rate of 3.42 against the 1938 low of 3.82.

The State Health Commissioner pointed out that while the above improvements indicate encouraging results of the expanding public health program in Missouri, the mortality rates are still far above the minimum toward which his department is striving.

"Nor do low mortality rates always portray the true state of a people's health," he said. "Many diseases and abnormalities are present among the people of this and every other state which do not kill but do disable and cause much suffering. As the result of a restricted diet made necessary by economic distress, rickets, scurvy, pellagra and other deficiency diseases once so rare are fairly common now. These diseases seldom cause death but seriously cripple individuals, particularly children, and frequently doom them to a life of disability. The Health Department is concerned as much with these conditions as with mortality rates."

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our thanks to all people who were so kind to us in our loss of our dear mother, sister and grandmother, Mrs. Maggie Chambers. We are especially grateful to Rev. Transue and Rev. Pulliam for their words of comfort, to the flower girls, pall bearers and for the beautiful flowers and to Welsh Funeral Parlor for their kind service.

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Whereas, our noble and respected fellow citizen, C. C. White, ex-Mayor and State Legislator passed to his reward.

Now Therefore, in commemoration of his long useful and charitable life in our community, I hereby request that all business houses close from 2 p. m. to 3 p. m. on the 9th day of April, 1940 in order that all our citizens may pay their last respects to our departed friend.

Dr. G. W. H. Presnell
Mayor, City of Sikeston

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COUNTY 4-H ACHIEVEMENT DAY IN SCOTT COUNTY

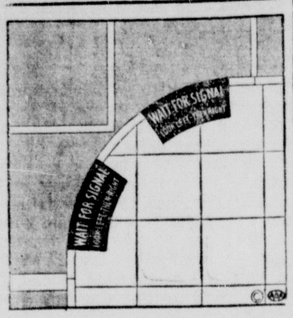
Saturday, April 20, from 10:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m., was set by the 4-H County Council as the day for the Scott County 4-H Achievement. The meeting will be held at the Community Building in Benton.

The program for the day will consist of demonstration and judging from all the clubs. Those groups that have clothing will put on a style revue. The clubs that have Health and First Aid or Health and Sanitation, will select, previous to the day, a boy and a girl for the health contest. All club members will bring something for the exhibit. Community singing will start the sessions and special numbers will add variety to the program. The judges will be out of county people. A talk explaining further opportunities for 4-H club members, will be given.

A picnic lunch supplied by the group at the noon hour will provide a splendid opportunity to become acquainted. A wider acquaintanceship broadens the field of opportunities and possibilities for youth, as well as adults.

Any one the least bit interested in the development of young people is urged to attend.

Pedestrian Protection
Reminders for Errant Walkers



PAVEMENT SIGNS: Warning and guide signs are accepted traffic control devices for vehicle drivers. Many communities now are installing signs to remind errant pedestrians to "Wait for Signal, Look Left, Then Right," or to "Cross Only at Corners," or to "Use Marked Crosswalks." These are proving effective in helping walkers avoid being struck.

Auto Club Safety Features

TO POISON FIELD MICE

Since melon and canteloupe seed are expensive why feed them to mice? The poison that will get rid of them before planting, if used properly, is as follows:

1 ounce strychnine
1 ounce baking soda
1 heaping tablespoon gloss starch
¾ cup cold water

Mix starch into the cold water and pour mixture into ¾ pint boiling water. This makes creamy paste. Mix Strychnine and baking soda in paste—stir well until completely mixed. Add ¼ pint corn syrup and 1 tablespoon glycerine.

Pour this mixture over 12 quarts wheat.

The above mixture is very poisonous and should be used carefully. This poison should be placed in tin cans, about a tablespoon full of the bait to each can, the top of the can mashed together so that it is possible for the mouse to barely get in. 15 to 20 cans should be scattered over each acre of melon ground. Poisoning should be done immediately, with fresh baits being put out each week to two weeks, until the melons are planted.

TO DEDICATE CANCER HOSPITAL APRIL 26

Dedicatory exercises for the Ellis Fischel State Cancer Hospital at Columbia, will be held at 2 p. m., Friday, April 26, with Gov. Lloyd C. Stark as the principal speaker.

Indigent patients from all parts of Missouri will be treated at the institution, which is the largest of its kind in the Nation as well as the only one west of the Mississippi River.

Other honored guests at the exercises will be Dr. Ludvig Hektoen of Washington, executive director of the National Advisory Cancer Council, and high officials of the PWA, which contributed 45 per cent of the hospital cost.

Creation of the institution is one of the outstanding achievements of the State Democratic Administration.

The planet Mercury completes a trip around the sun every 88 days, and thus has a year that is shorter than a spring or summer on our earth.

GETS RESULTS FROM ADVERTISING

Mrs. Clarence Taylor reported today that she had no difficulty in selling an oil stove after running a one insertion classified ad in the Standard.

Four persons made inquiry in response to the ad and the stove was sold Friday morning.

The European red deer, during the various years of its growth, is known by different names. From its first year until maturity, it is known under the successive titles of knobber, brocket, spayad, staggard, and royal hart.

Bloodhounds were known as staghounds until about a century ago. They owe their name to the fact that they are out for blood.

If water is to be added to an automobile battery, it should be done before the ear is to be run, not after returning from a trip.

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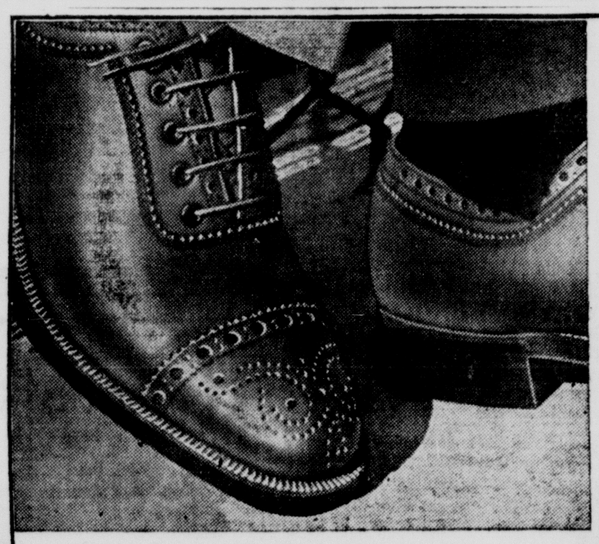


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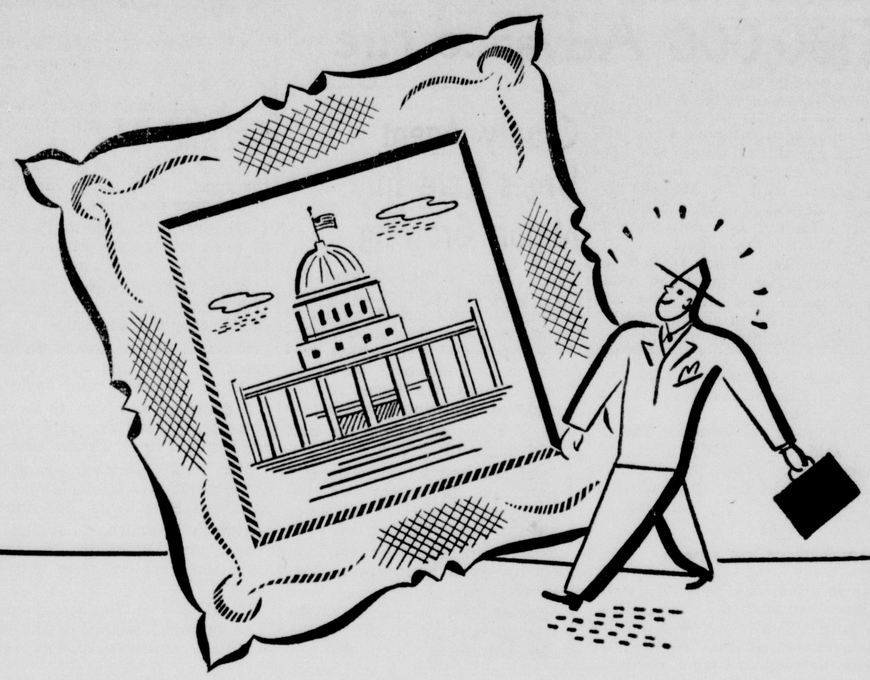
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The BENCH MADE FIFTY is the suit that's at home in any city—that puts you at ease in any situation. For it is suavely tailored and smartly styled for men who appreciate the best.

"Sure, sure," you say, "but a suit like that will have to wait until I'm getting a salary of real distinction."

No, not at all. For the Bench Made Fifty was deliberately planned for us by Hart Schaffner & Marx several seasons ago, to offer custom quality to men who didn't quite feel equal to custom prices.

Those men accepted Bench Made Fifties enthusiastically —(notice how well the Bench Made appears on the distinguished-looking gentleman on the left) but, in addition, these great suits won the approval of thousands of men who were accustomed to wearing (and paying for) fine tailor-made clothing!

That's how good the Bench Made Fifty Suit is. The excellence of its fabrics and tailoring are matched only by the finest custom made clothes. We invite you to check that statement for yourself. The more you know about fine clothing, the quicker you'll be to recognize Bench Made's value.

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Missouri Melange

A $12,500 bond issue to provide funds for completion of an addition to the St. James high school was approved 20 to 1 by the voters at an election in mid-March.

"Missed by a mile" is an adage intended to convey the meaning of a comfortable margin, but Deputy County Clark Allen Curtiss says ten times that distance is not a foot too much when a tornado is the subject under discussion. Curtiss, driving with his family, was ten miles from Alton, Ill., when the storm struck there early in March, arriving at the scene in time to assist with rescue work.

Independence, a city of 20,000 population, looks forward to an end to city taxes within two years. The answer is the municipally-owned light and power plant. A recently-announced 50 per cent cut in municipal taxes was the second reduction in two years.

The Mississippi County Women's Democratic Club held a flag-raising at a recent meeting in the home of Mrs. Jewell Combs in East Prairie. The "hundred per cent flag" was paraded as evidence that The Democratic Digest, national publication of Democratic women, now boasts a subscriber in every Mississippi county precinct.

In appreciation of the amusing story of their wedding which Mr. and Mrs. Troy McCoppin wrote for the King City Tri-County News, Editor L. N. Bowman added a year's subscription to his congratulations to the happy couple. Then, explaining "our own society editor couldn't have done a better job of handling this story and we haven't changed so much as a comma of it," he printed the letter, which follow: "March 9, with the cooperation of friends and neighbors and with the aid of a team of horses through the mud and by walking part of the way in gum boots and overalls, we made it out to the slab where waited a (borrowed) machine. Then with a feeling the battle was half over we motored to Clarksdale where a dinner awaited us at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Arnold . . . but no minister. So after changing clothes a bit, and after the use of some soap and water and with renewed determination, we set out for Maysville, where the Rev. Bennett united us in marriage at his home. The bride, dressed in cobalt blue and all that; the groom needing a haircut and the barber shop full on Saturday and us in a hurry, etc.—well, Louise, we are not used to writing for publication so intend this to be just a statement of the facts around which you can build the story if you want to. And from now on until next March we can be found at home on the farm south of town."

Not again in a century will Easter come so early as it did this year, although in 1951 it will be only one day later, March 25. The earliest that Easter can possibly occur, says the Edina Sentinel, is March 22.

Engineering students at the University of Missouri enthusiastically greeted their patron saint, "St. Pat," when he arrived in Columbia by airplane, March 15, and tried hard to conceal the worry they felt. Appearance of 500 "phoney" tickets for the Engineers' dance, distributed like handbills to fraternity and sorority houses, were ample cause for worry.

Gasoline engines have not entirely replaced Maud and Dobbin as tractive power as is attested by the fact that sixty head of horses and mules brought approximately $5,000 in a ready market at the recent sale of the Callaway Sales Association pavilion near Fulton. Top price was $175 for a mare mule. One out-of-state buyer paid $840 for five head of choice mules.

A Carthage man lost half of his flock of forty chickens when they drank water drained from the radiator of his automobile. It contained an anti-freeze fluid with a wood alcohol base.

St. Louis union station red caps have won right to a regular wage and no longer will depend on tips of passengers. The St. Louis Terminal Railroad Association announces a charge of 10 cents will be made for each piece of baggage carried. The association will pay the red caps 30 cents an hour.

Twelve Boy Scout leaders will be added in six of Missouri's eight area councils, as a result of a $37,500 allotment from the Frank Phillips Foundation, Inc. Three men each are to be named to the Central Missouri Council, Columbia, and the Ozark Empire Council, Springfield; two each to the Lake of the Ozarks Council, Jefferson City, and the Southeast Missouri Council, Cape Girardeau, and one each to the Mo.-Kan. Council, Joplin, and the Pony Express Council, St. Joseph.

"A. T. H.", editor of the "Random Remarks" column in the West Plains Journal, explains to a worried reader the reason the pussy willow sprouts are not doing well: "Possibly they were planted so near the dogwood trees that they are afraid of the bark".

TECHNICIAN TO GIVE HEALTH LECTURE

Dr. F. L. Sisson, Jr., Sikeston chiropractor, announced today that Dr. R. W. Utberg, expert technician from the Pathometric laboratories in Chicago, would be in his office over Buckner-Ragsdale's store from Monday through Saturday.



Dr. Utberg will give a free health lecture on "Modern Way of Health" Monday at 8 p. m. Because of the limited number that can be accommodated, Dr. Sisson asked that persons desiring to attend phone him and give the number in groups planling to come.

The technician will start making examinations and food tests on Monday and continue through the week.

SUCCESSFUL HUNTERS

Data on the recent open season on antelope in Oregon shows that out of 275 who were issued special licenses to hunt this elusive animal, 236 antelope were taken. This again places the hunter's average above 80 per cent—a figure too high for general hunting conditions but suitable under a controlled cropping program.

Most of the kill was in the area of heaviest concentration. It is believed that next year new areas will be cropped in Oregon.—From The American Wildlife Institute.

WRITING URGE IN NURSERIES IS ENCOURAGED

Proper equipment and decoration in the nursery will often pay abundant dividends by concentrating the attention of the youngsters in this room, thus leaving other parts of the house unmolested.

The urge to write on walls may be overcome by installing in the nursery a blackboard built into the wall, where young kindergarten students may write and draw as much as they care to. This and other nursery improvements may be financed under the Modernization Credit Plan of the Federal Housing Administration. When installing the blackboard it would be well to provide also a ledge under the board to hold erasers and pieces of chalk. This feature will tend to prevent those articles from being scattered over the room.

There are 4000 lenses in the eye of the common house fly.

A Better Plan For Sizing Children's Clothes

By Katharine Fisher

Director, Good Housekeeping Institute

"Why must I always buy Johnnie a size 10 suit when he is only 7 years old?" asks one mother. She continues: "And this difference between his actual age and the age marked on the label has existed almost ever since the day he was born. Can't something be done about it?"

Many mothers have experienced a similar problem. Some children do actually wear the size indicated by their age; that is, if they are 6, they are fitted by a size 6, and so on. But since children grow so differently, it is often more by accident than by design that a child's age is an accurate guide to clothing size.

Then, too, because there have been no standard sizes that all manufacturers have agreed to follow, the garments from one source have not been sized like those from another. Your son may be wearing a size 8 suit and a size 10 overcoat.



KATHARINE FISHER
Director of Good Housekeeping Institute

Luckily for everyone concerned with the problem of fitting children correctly, a vast amount of careful work has been done which may lead to the right solution. Under the supervision of the Bureau of Home Economics in Washington, more than 250 trained people went into our schools to take the measurements needed for children's clothing and patterns. This task occupied more than two years' time. The work was directed by Ruth O'Brien, Chief of the Division of Textiles and Clothing of the Bureau. Some of the interesting facts about the project are the following:

More than 147,000 children were measured, both boys and girls. Ages 4 to 17 were included. The work was financed by the WPA. At the peak of the study more than 800 people eligible for relief were given employment. Nineteen colleges and other educational agencies cooperated. Fifteen states and the District of Columbia were covered, in order to learn whether or not children in different parts of the country varied in measurement. Measurements were taken next to the skin with carefully calibrated instruments. All results were carefully checked for accuracy. No such extensive scientific study of body measurements usable in making children's garments has ever before been reported.

After all the figures had been analyzed the Bureau of Home Economics reported the findings:

First: It was definitely shown that a child's age is a poor indication of the size garment that will fit him.

Second. A combination of height and hip or chest measurements was recommended as a basis for sizes of patterns and garments. These two measurements are easy for the mother to take. She needs only a tape measure.

If sizes were based on such measurements, fitting your child would become a simple problem. When it became necessary to replenish your child's wardrobe, you would go about it in two easy stages. First, you would take your child's height and hip or chest measure in inches with a tape measure. Second, leaving the youngster happily at home or in school, you would go to your favorite store and find on the garment label the same two measurements you have noted. Would you then make your selection with greater speed, and with peace of mind as to fit? Could you do away with the usual age-size tag and still feel secure in your choice? Would you be inclined to order by 'phone or by mail if you could mention your child's measurements instead of merely the age size?

Of course you would! But before you can do it, manufacturers and retailers both must know that you want this better way of sizing children's garments. If you are interested in seeing this plan grow until it develops into universal standards—American standards for children's garments, we might term them—you must register your opinion strongly with manufacturers and retailers. The study carried out by the Bureau of Home Economics supplies figures that can be a valuable basis for standard sizing of garments. But the data must be put to use before you will reap the benefit. Here is a good undertaking for your woman's club

WILDLIFE WARFARE

Foreign soldiers who use skis for rapid maneuvers and white suits to make them invisible against the snow are only borrowing an idea from nature.

The snowshoe hare, because it has no defense except speed, is equipped with the wide feet, which enable it to scamper across the snow with the greatest of speed. And this animal, which is sometimes known as the varying hare, changes its fur to white in the winter so it will blend with the background, just as do the soldiers on skis.—From The American Wildlife Institute.

PRAIRIE PUPS' PURPOSE

Prairie dogs apparently have a purpose in life. Recent studies at the Texas Cooperative Wildlife Research unit, supported by the American Wildlife Institute, show that the mounds thrown up by these rodents cover less than 1 per cent of the total area.

In sample plots under observation, gophers threw up an average of 90 mounds per acre each month, or nearly four tons of earth per acre each year. This natural cultivation of the soil is thought to be beneficial.

Do you dare to keep a diary? So many court records are featuring private papers of divorce petitioners, that science studies whether it is foolish or wise to keep intimate records of our lives. An eminent psychologist and a famous attorney show how that little black book may backfire and become your worst enemy. An illustrated double page feature in The American Weekly, the magazine distributed with next Sunday's Chicago Herald-American.

21,431 Take Part In WPA Activity

Participation of 21,431 persons in recreational projects of the Works Project Administration in Southeast Missouri from March 16 to March 31 was announced today by Area Supervisor Cletus Ferguson.

Of the total, 12,081 were children and 9,350 were adults. The projects ranged from the cultural side, such as making rugs on looms, to athletic events for the children.

The projects were Farmington, Delta Civilian Conservation Corps camp, Charleston, white; Cape Girardeau Broadway School; Charleston, negro; Cape Girardeau, Smelterville, Cape Girardeau, negro; Annapolis, game room; Des Arc, game room; Vanduser, Festus, Negro; Anniston, play center; Flat River, Sikeston, play center; Perryville, CCC camp; Festus and DeSoto, music; Annapolis, play center; Ironton, weaving; Ironton, play center; Des Arc, play center and Esther, weaving.

FOR A JAB IN THE RIBS

A policeman was questioning a man pinned under his car in an accident.

"Are you married?"

"No", was the answer. "This is the worst fix I was ever in."

The young couple were gazing into each other's eyes and sighing soulfully.

Suddenly a thought occurred to Jock.

"Ye ken, Maggie lass," he murmured, "I'm no' much tae look at."

"Aye", agreed Maggie, "but ye'll be oot at work most o' the day."

Parsons—They say people with opposite characteristics make the happiest marriages.

Vickers—Yes, that's why I'm looking for a girl with money.

"Frequent water drinking," said the professor, "prevents becoming stiff in the joints."

"Yes," said the co-ed, "but some of the joints don't serve water."—Jackson Cash-Book.

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Tells of Killing Her Mother, Who Beat 3 To Death

Los Angeles, April 4.—A mother beat three of her four children to death today with a claw hammer, then was killed herself on a flaming mattress after she had set her hair afire, police reported.

The dead, officers said, are: Mrs. Lolita Davis, 43 years old; Daphne Davis, 10; Debroah Ann, 7, and Marquis, 3.

The fourth child, Chloe, 11, was beaten almost unconscious, but officers expected her to recover.

"Mama thought demons were after her. She thought she had killed my aunt's little girl a long time ago," Chloe sobbed to police.

"She loved us and we loved her. That's the only reason she could have done it. I saw Daphne unconscious in the bath tub. Then mother hit me on the back of the head with a hammer.

"I fought mother and tried to take the hammer away from her. I ran into the kitchen and there I saw my other sister and my little brother dying.

"My mother ran into the hall and set fire to her hair. She fell on a mattress and screamed, "Hit me—I can't stand the pain.'

"I took the hammer and hit her about 20 times and then the hammer broke. I guestss I must have hit her 50 times. I went to a neighbor's house to call Dad. They heard me phone and called police." The father arrived home a few minutes after police had entered the house.

Pa—Johnny, what is this "60" on your report card?

Johnny —I—I—th—think that's the temperature of the schoolroom.

Friends: "When your husband craves a kiss do you always give it to him?"

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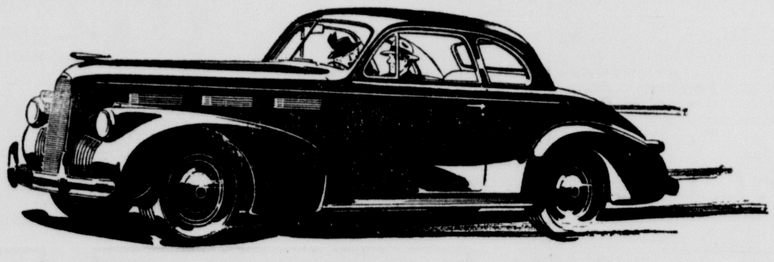
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Small Kitchen May Handicap The Housewife

Home builders are cautioned by Federal Housing Administration officials not to condense the kitchen so as to make it too small for use. A kitchen can be efficient even though it may not be as small as a Pullman-car kitchen.

Despite the fervor for "step-saving," a happy medium should be maintained between the Pullman kitchen and the old-fashioned kitchen.

The kitchen does double duty. It serves as a cooking center, and at the same time it is a storage place for dishes, utensils, cleaning materials, and other household gadgets and equipment.

Sufficient space for storage is of vital importance in the planning of a kithcen for a small modern home.

HOME VALUE INCREASED BY EXTRA BATH

The question of an extra bath is becoming more important in the life of the small family than most any other question, according to the plumbing authorities.

The morning rush by members of the family getting ready to go to work or to school, and expect to get there on time, is making the problem of an extra bath, or at least, an extra lavatory, of vital importance in thousands upon thousands of homes.

Contrary to the popular conception the space required for an extra bath need not be large, a space 5x5 feet is enough to provide room for a complete bath room equipped with every modern device for cleanliness.

Such a room can sometimes be created from a large closet, or perhaps from the space not needed at the head of a stairway, or some such space that can be spared without sacrifice.

The additional enjoyment obtained from such an installation is almost without price in the manner in which it will add to the happiness and comfort of every member of the family. The cost today is very low and can be financed over a long period so that it will be paid for without strain on the family purse.

Seven to eight p. m. was the peak hour for fatal acidents on Missouri's state-maintained highways during the month of February, 1940. Low point for accidents was from 4 to 5 a. m.

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Smoke Hazard Is Increased

The use of noncombustible materials in ducts and filters of air-conditioning systems is being widely recommended in view of the fact that smoke is distributed rapidly by the blows which force air through the ducts.

Smoke in any part of the building is quickly transmitted throughout the building, thus greatly increasing the damage from smoke and indicating the possibilities of health hazards, according to the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

Federal Housing Administration officials warn that whenever a duct system is installed for carrying warm air, the same duct can also carry fire. It is advisable to provide automatic fire dampers in the ducts at several points within the system.

Correct Quantity of Heat Important

With the importance of the correct quantity of heat as a vital ingredient in all forms of cooking being increasingly acknowledged by home economists and home makers, a cooking appliance that provides exact temperatures in the oven, broiler and on top heating units makes it a simple matter to obtain good results from recipes for every variety of good.

During the past decade, home economists have developed a standardization of measurements, temperatures, timing and various food preparation practices. Nowadays, nothing need be left to guesswork, for which modern cooking appliances even "heat" can be accurately measured.

"How much 'measured heat' contributes to results is demonstrated in the 1940 Frigidaire electric ranges which are equipped with sensitive and accurate controls for regulation of heat in the oven, broiler, surface units, and deep well cooker," said F. D. Lair, local Frigidaire electric range dealer. "For instance, surface units provide five levels of heat, each level being the precise required for one of the basic cooking operations of fast pre-heating, frying and browning, cooking in small utensils, active cooking and simmering.

"Besides provision of accurate surafce cooking temperatures there is, of course, an oven and broiler heat control of unusual sensitivity that maintains the exact heat indicated on the control dial. This prevents variations in oven temperature and assures uniformly good results."—adv.

Breakfast Bar Is Convenient

Recurring breakfast-getting sometimes annoys the housewife whose family breakfasts at different times, and it is in homes of this type that "breakfast bars" are most popular.

"Breakfast bars" are now being built into many new homes, but that does not mean that existing homes cannot have the convenience they afford. One may be added to the kitchen or breakfast room of any home at little expense. A flat-topped surface a little higher than the average table liberally supplied with electric outlets, is the essential piece and may be built into the room with funds obtainable from qualified lending institutions under the Modernization Credit Plan of the Federal Housing Administration. Special stools and such electrical appliances as grills, waffle irons, and coffee percolators complete the bar's necessary accessories.

TIGHT STORM SASHES AID FIGHT ON FROST

The installation of storm sash, tight enough to prevent cold air striking the inner windows, will aid immeasurably in combating the formation of Winter Frost.

Frost is formed by the condensation and freezing of moisture from the air upon the cold surfaces of the window panes.

Obstruction of vision is the least important trouble caused by frost. More serious is the possible damage that can be caused by melting frost. When frost melts, water runs down over the woodwork and plaster, damaging the finish on the woodwork and the wall decorations.

Under the Federal Housing Administration's Modernization Credit Plan, a home owner may obtain funds from private lending institutions approved by the FHA and install a tight storm sash on all the windows of the house.

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SAVORY STEW

There's a certain something about a good homemade stew. The kind where the meat juices seep into the heart of the potatoes and the carrots get all full of the flavor of marrow. I tell you, ambrosia seems like pretty slim pickings to a man who's been brought up on real honest stew. There's a wholesome, heartening quality to a dish like that. Or, if you fancy a little extra heft and savor in your stews, maybe you'd like to thicken the broth with a full-flavored cream soup—cream of mushroom soup with its satin smooth sauce and rich, almost gamy flavor of fresh mushrooms. Here now, is a stew of that sort made of tender little nubbins of veal cooked with potatoes and onions in a subtly seasoned cream of mushroom sauce. You're sure to like it served so:

FRENCH STEW

Cut into 1-inch pieces—

2½ lbs. veal (inexpensive cut).

Sear, stirring often for 5 minutes, in—

2 tablespoons butter. Do not expect veal to brown.

Add—

2 cups hot water
1 large onion, finely diced
2 cups raw diced potatoes
5–6 baby carrots, left whole
1½ teaspoons salt
¼ teaspoon pepper.
½ teaspoon paprika.

Cover and cook over low heat or bake in a moderate oven (375° F.) 1 hour or until meat is quite tender.

Blend, then add to meat—

4 tablespoons flour
1 small (10 oz.) can cream of mushroom soup.

Continue cooking on top of stove, stirring constantly, 4 to 5 minutes.



BAKED BEANS, NEW STYLE

About this time of the year the folks back home used to say, "Well, the back of the winter's about broken now". Our food supply was too, though, and spring was still a long way off. In those days our food went by seasons a whole lot more than it does now, and toward the end of the winter fresh vegetables and meat were pretty scarce. But I think we didn't mind much as long as we could count on having a big pot of beans once a week. Good old-fashioned beans baked in the oven 'til they were tender and mealy and rich with the flavor of sugar and molasses and a fat chunk of salt pork. That was one of our favorite suppers then and it still is. But nowadays, when we want a little variety we just add a few ingredients from the pantry shelf—a bit of left-over pork to a can of oven-baked beans. You'd like it, too, served so:

BOSTON BEANS WITH BARBEQUE SAUCE

Combine and heat thoroughly—

1 medium (18 oz.) can oven-baked beans, Boston style
¾ cup finely-chopped cooked pork.

Mix together, then heat—

½ cup tomato ketchup
2 tablespoons India relish.
¼ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce.

Pour sauce over beans and serve.



LIFE SAVER FOR LENT

If this business of planning meals for Lent is wearing you down, here's an idea for a main course supper dish that you'll welcome with open arms. It's one of those big, hearty casserole dishes that makes practically a main course in itself—macaroni, chili sauce and shrimp. First off, you'll want a 17-ounce tin of delicious cooked macaroni in cream sauce with cheese. Spoon it out of the tin, combining with the shrimp and chili sauce as suggested here:

MACARONI, CHILI SAUCE AND SHRIMP

Clean—

1 5¾-oz. can shrimp then flake ½ of them.

Arrange half—

1 medium (17 oz.) can cooked macaroni in cream sauce with cheese in bottom of shallow casserole.

Spread with—

Chili sauce, using about 3 tablespoons. Sprinkle flaked shrimp lightly over chili sauce. Repeat layers of macaroni and chili sauce.

Arrange the remaining whole shrimps on top, then sprinkle with—

Soft bread crumbs.

Bake in a moderate oven (350° F.) 20 minutes.

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Training Camp Dates Are Set

Maj. Gen. Percy P. Bishop, cammanding general of the seventh Corps Area at Omaha, Nebr., announced today that Citizens' Military Training Camps would be held this summer at eight points in the area.

The camps will be held from July 2 to July 31 at Fort Crook, Nebr., for infantry; Fort Des Moines, Iowa, for infantry and field artillery; Fort Riley, Kas., for cavalry and colored infantry and Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, for infantry; from July 5 to Aug. 3 at Fort Leavenworth, Kas., for infantry; Fort Lincoln, N. D., for infantry; Fort Snelling, Minnesota, for infantry and Camp Joseph T. Robinson, for infantry.

Approved applicants will be sent to camps nearest their homes. Young men between the ages of 17 and 24 who are physically fit are eligible for the first year or basic course. All necessary expenses wil be paid by the government, including transportation to and from camp.

Interested persons should apply to the CMTC officer, Federal building, Ohaha, or any CMTC representative.

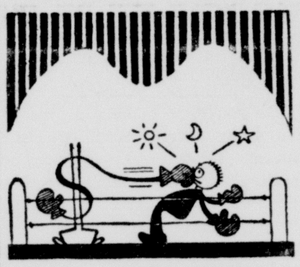
COMPACT TRAYS COMBINE SINK WITH LAUNDRY

Owners of small homes which contain no basement need not be deprived of the convenience of laundry trays. A compact new unit is being manufcatured which combines laundry tub and kitchen sink.

The unit is divided into two parts, one of sink depth and the other of lower depth for laundry work. They are available in several models and, where desired, may be obtained with a cabinet enclosure. The home owner may install a fixture of this type in his home, using funds from lending institutions qualified under the Federal Housing Administration's Modernization Credit Plan.

Pedestrian highway fatalities have increased the first two months of 1940 over 1939. Passenger fatalities have decreased.

Sixty-eight drivers involved in automobile accidents on Missouri highways during February 1940 were traveling on the wrong side of the road. This bad practice to be fatal in 14% of these accidents.



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Poor Grading May Cause Wet Cellar

Poor grading may be the cause behind many damp basements. The finish grade should slope to drain water away from the building, and where this does not occur the home owner should reconstruct the grade to accomplish proper drainage. Funds may be obtained from qualified lending institutions under the Modernization Credit Plan of the Federal Housing Administration to be used for grading work.

All backfilling adjacent to the foundation of a house should be placed in layers approximately 12 inches in thickness, and each layer should be puddled and tamped before additional layers are placed. Where the ground-moisture condition warrants it, drain tile with joints left open and covered with tar paper or burlap should be laid next to the footings and sloped to drain the water to a dry well or sewer or other outlet. The drain tile should be covered with at least 12 inches of broken stone or gravel. All construction debris should be removed from the trench before filling, and the finish grade should not come within eight inches of any wood construction.

Ah, the arms of Morpheus! How blissful, yet how costly! As Donald Carr drove up to a railroad crossing at La Porte, Ind., a long freigth train started to pass. Carr stopped his automobile, relaxed and waited. Soon the rhythmic rumble of the freight cars as they rolled past lulled him into a deep slumber. Twenty minutes later when the freight was many miles away Carr was still sleeping peacefully. He slept on and on until police happened by, awakened him, then discovered he had no lights, no driver's license, no 1940 auto tags.

Dealer Sells 74 Head of Mules

R. D. Clayton, the mule man, sold 74 head of mules Saturday to C. N. Elliott, farmer living 10 miles southeast of Morehouse in New Madrid county, and to E. E. Jolly of Catron.

Elliott purchased 50 head of one and two-year-olds and Jolly 24 head of two-year-olds.

The mules are to be pastured and fed for market this fall.

Jolly, who has past experience in grazing both cattle and mules, said that there was no question but that the young mule is the best security.

"Build-Up" Good News For Suffering Women

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Coleman Buys 17 Bulls

New Madrid, Mo.—E. P. Coleman of Sikeston bought 17 bulls from the Bonne Terre Farming and Cattle Company at Farmington April 1, County Agent Herlington announced.

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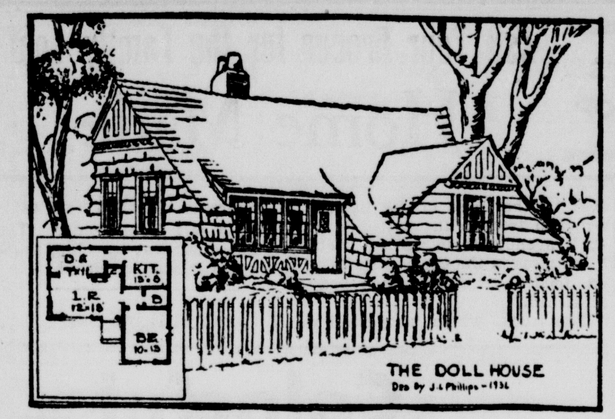
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To those who have dreamed for years of a lovely abode, where they could find peace, security, happiness, an outlet for the universal hunger for beauty—this "Doll House" is dedicated.

"Homestead" is its name and "home" is invisibly written in every nook and cranny of its interior. Passers-by who know that home is not just "where one hangs his hat," will secretly salute as kindred spirits the occupants, as this lovely house smiles at them from behind its rustic fence.

Homestead is the delightful retreat of your fondest dreams. An ideal home for a small family, it is modern to the Nth degree, "pretty as a picture." Cost—less than $3,000!

Each time you enter its inviting door your eyes will sparkle with pride, your heart tingle with delight at its homey atmosphere, its quiet charm, its convenience and coziness.

Against the congenial background of pine-paneled walls and rough painted ceilings, you can make your drapes and furniture a symphony of subdued tans and brown tints. To create a graceful impression of old-world charm in a twentieth century setting, there is no medium so effective as good wood-wainscoted walls.

Cheery and tranquil as a bright spring day are the bedrooms, with their quaint Colonial wallpaper and beamed ceilings, painted a smart oyster-shell white. And the paper is washable, too!

An air of solidarity, permanence, "settled-down" comfort is conveyed by the design of inside doors, all of which are random width pine planks with hardware in black rion.

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LIGHTS AT ENTRANCE GIVE HOSPITABLE TOUCH

To the aproaching visitor, a light at the entrance of a home is like an outstretched hand of welcome. The loveliest house looks forbidding and gloomy without such lights.

Entrances of city or suburban homes should be illuminated softly, yet clearly, and special care should be taken to place the light so that the street number is made visible by the glow.

A light should be suspended from the ceiling of porches over which one must traverse to reach the doorway. Twin lights may be used where the approach is through a portico or from the street.

The light switch should be conveniently close to the door.

HALL CLOSETS ARE ALWAYS GREAT ASSETS

Nowadays it is such a simple matter, and so inexpensive, to install extra hall closets — that every home should have plenty of them.

Manufacturers who produce finished lumber instalaltions make corner closets in innumerable forms and dimensions.

Even less expensive, for the handy man, are the closets he can easily construct himself from the many modern, easy-to-handle materials now available; plywoods, wallboards, composition boards.

Of course, these extra storage spaces are the greatest imaginable conveniences.

HANDSOME PANELS OF VENEER, PLYWOOD ARE INEXPENSIVE

A growing demand for wood in the home is being demonstrated daily, according to building contractors. Various plywoods and veneers and even wall-papers with wood grain, are winning favor of the builders as well as the home-owners.

This is perhaps due to the mellow effects that can be produced with wood, and the economy of the installation.

ALUMINUM PAINT FOILS MOISTURE

More and more builders are coming to see the advantage of priming wood outside with an aluminum paint to prevent entrance of moisture.

Because wood is given to absorbing moisture, it is wise to prevent this by giving the surface a coat of metal which will effectively prevent the entrance of moisture in the future, and so prevent decay, peeling and blistering.

DURABILITY VITAL FOR PORCH STEPS

Steps get more wear than any other outside part of the house. Not only should they be built with a view to comfortable ascent, but they should also be made of durable material, to withstand the heavy usage to which they are subject.

For the brick house, steps of stone are ideal, because they give the apeparance of the structure character and last almost indefinitely.

Equally durable are steps of concrete. In any locality there are sure to be many workmen specializing in building them. The large cement associations furnish plans for steps upon request, free.

ROOF DEFINES CHARACTER OF DWELLING

All of the exterior parts of a home stamp, or help to stamp, the type of dwelling it is supposed to represent. Probably the most important feature, and the one least considered, is the roof. Unless the roof is architecturally in keeping with the rest of the house it will take away from the picture the very atmosphere intended to create; something will be missing from the finished result.

It would be well to keep in mind that certain materials and textures do certain definite things to a roof asbestos adds softness and color, when used as a shingle, and is fine for most any type of home you would build. Wood shingles, stained for color requirements, will also fill the bill satisfactorily for roofing a Colonial or English type of home.

Tile and slate are more in keeping for the large and dignified house but they are hard in texture and less adaptable for the limited area of a small home roof, say builders specializing in small dwellings.

Harmony of line and color are the objectives today and the time of "hit or miss" color effects without regard to the structure below is gone.

NEW DRAPES WILL RECREATE ROOM

Nothing will do more to freshen up the room, or do more to recreate a harmonious color scheme, than a brand new set of draperies. There are so many delightful patterns in every kind of drapery material that one may find something to fit any particular problem among the chintz and cretones, or among the more elaborate velvets and satins, now being shown in furnishing shops.

With due care, and the help of your furnishing salesman, you can add an entirely new atmosphere to any room where a definite color scheme is established by certain pieces that must remain in the room.

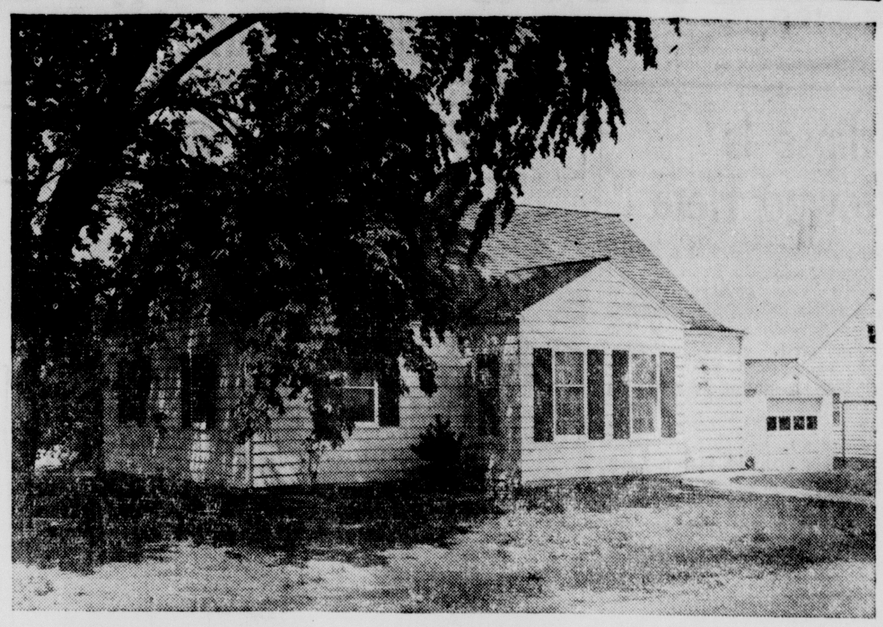
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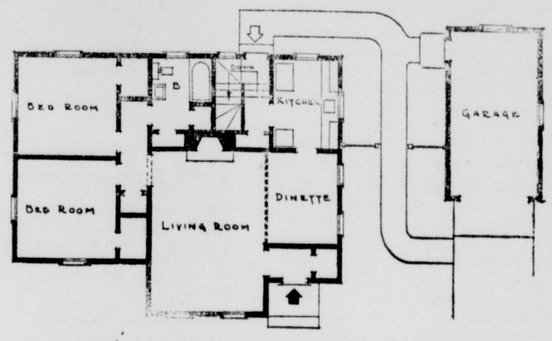
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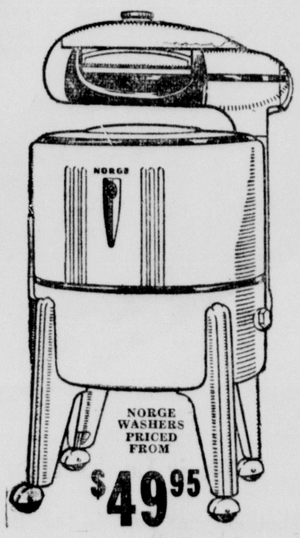
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Suit Against City is Up For Decision

Circuit Judge Frank Kelly had under advisement today the suit of Ralph Wallace of Carbondale, Ill., against the City of Sikeston and J. W. Mathis, city collector.

Wallace, who was arrested for selling in the city without license, brought suit to recover a $10 fine assessed him in police court and the $16.25 license cost.

W. P. Wilkerson, his attorney, contended at a hearing before Judge Kelly at Benton Friday that the sale for which Wallace was arrested was in interstate commerce and was therefore exempt from the city license law.

City Attorney Robert A. Dempster represented the city at the hearing at which Police Judge A. B. Jewell and Policeman W. C. McManus testified.

Wallace was arrested in connection with a sale of roofing and siding to the Church of God.

Judge Kelly found for Clarence B. Perry of Chaffee in a suit brought by Myrdie Perry for seperate maintenance.

Estimate of

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Health — Mayfield, Lawrence and Zacher.

Waterworks—Lawrence, Matthews and Frank S. Miller.

Lights—Matthews, Miller and E. H. Smith.

Police, fire and building—Miller, Thomas F. Rafferty and Matthews.

Street and sewer—Zacher, Rafferty and Charles H. Butler.

Charity—Rafferty, Butler and Smith.

Finance—Butler, Zacher and Mayfield.

Central League Is Organized

Organization of the Central League, second baseball loop to be organized by the Works Project Administration recreational division in Southeast Missouri, was perfected at a meeting held at Chaffee Thursday night.

Entries are Greenbrier, Jackson, Delta, Chaffee, Perkins, Advance and Zelma. Sedgewickville has notified that it expects to become the eighth team in the circuit.

Leon Kinder of Perkins was named secretary-treasurer of the league at the organization meeting. Play will start April 21 at 2 p. m. A schedule will be worked out as soon as the eighth club is formed.

Representatives of the circuit decided to meet the first Monday of each month at 8:30 p. m. in Chaffee.

The league was the second to be organized in the Southeast Missouri area. The Southeast Missouri League was formed here Wednesday. Both loops will be affiliated with the Missouri Amateur Baseball Association.

Cletus Ferguson, WPA area supervisor of recreation, announced the following regulations for teams:

All players must be residents of the community in which they play.

No player can be paid.

Players may try out with semi-pro teams and then apply for reinstatement to amateur standing before July 15.

Players who have played less than 50 games in organized professional baseball as a catcher, infielder or outfielder, or who have pitched less than 75 innings, may be reinstated to full amateur standing. Those with more experience may, by fulfilling certain conditions, apply for reinstatement as "classmen." No team may have more than three classmen.

For championship tournament play, a player must have appeared in the lineup of his club in at lesat five games.

That scurvy fellow Iscariot got the works again. In a churchyard a Plymouth, N. C., are 12 trees, each named after a Disciple. Recent examination showed that all were still in good shape except one. Yep, you guessed it. The tree named Judas had been hit by lightning.

Dr. Joseph K. Folsom, sociologist at Vassar College, put reverse English on Priscilla's advice to John Alden "Why don't you speak for yourself, John", handed it out to modern girls. The best way for the miss of today not to miss the kind of a husband she wants, he sagely propounded, is to look the field over, make a selection, then do her own proposing.

Suffers Knee Hurt in Wreck

Jim Colvin, manager of the Sikeston Hatchery, sustained a knee fracture at 10:30 p. m. Saturday in an automobile collision two miles south of the Colonial tavern on U. S. Highway 61. He was taken to the St. Francis hospital at Cape Girardeau.

John McMullin was taking Colvin to Cape Girardeau when the mishap occurred. He was not hurt but his sedan was heavily damaged by the impact with another car.

McMullin said that the crash occurred when the other car cut across to turn around at a time when he was attempting to pass it. The car, bearing Chaffee residents, was not so heavily damaged and none of its occupants apparently hurt seriously. Neither machine overturned.

Raymond Pfefferkorn, 30, of Chaffee was driving the other car. He was accompanied by Miss Wilma Halter and Mr. and Mrs. Melborne Anselm.

Miss Halter suffered a bruised shoulder, Mrs. Anselm, a foot bruise and head abrasion and her husband a head bruise. Pfefferkorn escaped injury.

Chicks Organize For Softball Season's Play

Plans for the approaching playing season were discussed at a get-together session of the Sikeston Chicks, girls' softball team, in the Hudson cafe Friday night.

Those present were Ida Marie Ables, Marjorie Tope, Wilda Leffler, Mary Lou Swanagon, Imogene Leffler, Mavoureen Cummins, Elizabeth Wagner, Mary Wagner, and Camille O'Connor. Helen Lee and Wanda Mae Hinton were unable to attend.

The first practice will be held at 4 p. m. Friday at the grade school.

Manager A. B. Jewell asks that any girl interested in playing come out for practice.

Moons team from Cape Girardeau will be consolidated with the Chicks Thursday night. Arrangements have been made for the Chicks to play at Cape Girardeau every Thursday evening in the league.

Jewell said that he would ask the Junior Chamber of Commerce to set aside one night every week for the girls to play here.

A fanatic is a person who is highly enthusiastic about something in which you are not interested.

Eclipse Is Viewed Here

Peaceful Sikeston had a partial blackout Sunday.

There was nothing warlike about it. Just the moon making one of its passages between the sun and earth. At it's peak the eclipse was about 74 per cent complete, that amount of old Sol being blotted out.

The sky display came at a climax of a week end of rain and cool spring weather that brought out topcoats and made the budding plum, peach and red bud trees look a little forlorn against drab heavens.

Clouds played peekaboo during the course of the eclipse, permitting at times through a cloudy film a glimpse of nature's show with the naked eye. Most of the time it was necessary to resort to smoked glasses. Hundreds saw the eclipse between 2:30 and 4 p. m. It was the first big time solar show since 1865.

Rainfall of 1.15 inches over the week end was reported by Weather Observer Harry Young. The mercury dipped to 36.

Maximum and minimum temperatures recorded by him at 7 a. m. for the preceeding 24 hours periods the past four days: Friday, 74 and 40; Saturday, 55 and 36; Sunday, 53 and 41 and Monday, 63 and 41.

Vote to Move Courthouse

Greenville, Mo., April 7.—The Wayne County Court has issued an order for relocation of the Courthouse at the new site for the town of Greenville, two miles north, where the people last December 5 voted to move to get this county seat out of the Wappapello Dam basin.

This action of the court cleared the way for sale of lots to residents of this 124-year-old town, by a Citizen's Committee named to handle property sales.

In approving the new location, the court is believed to have made the first move to relocate Greenville, since most persons had contended they would not relocate their overlooking what will be the Wappapello Lake, unless the Courthouse also was moved.

Condemnation action was started some time ago in Federal Court at Cape Girardeau by the government to obtain the land on which the Courthouse is located. More recently similar action was taken to get the public school grounds.

George B. Snider, supervisor of WPA in this district, urged public co-operation in bringing about removal of the town, which now has a population of about 500. He said 375 WPA laborers in Wayne County, and 244 men on blanket road projects, would be used to help build the new model Greenville.

The War Department has appraised the Courthouse at $63,888 and the Jail Building at $6000. The school property was appraised at $82,307. If this money is made available soon, construction of the new buildings can be started within the next 60 days.

The Trend of Things



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Women's coats for spring and summer months are designed to follow the natural lines of the body. The shoulder line is smoothly squared—flattering but not accentuated. Fullness starting at the hipline gives a longer, smoother waistline than last year's coat. Multicolored flecks and over-size bold plaids in blacks, blues and greys will be fashion leaders.

Woman's Club Meet Postponed

The Sikeston Women's club meeting, originally scheduled for this afternoon at the city library, has been postponed because of the death of C. C. White, whose funeral services were to be conducted today. The meeting has been set tentatively for next Monday afternoon at the library.

Parents Asked To Look for Mumps

Parents should watch their children closely for symptoms of mumps, Mrs. Della Poe, city nurse, admonished today.

She reported that a few cases had been found in the schools yesterday. Mumps are highly infectious and children should be closely observed.

Mrs. Poe said that parents could be of great help in preventing spread of the disease if they check children, who have not had the disease, in the morning and at noon.

Symptoms to look for are a slight rise in temperature, slight nausea, pain in angle of jaw, and in front of ear. The disease is communicable as long as any swelling appears, usually for two weeks.

Building permits issued in February for the 215 regularly reporting cities had an estimated total of $90,508,453, Dun & Bradstreet announces. This was a rise of 6.9 per cent over January's total and 11.2 per cent above the $81,383,080 recorded in February last year.

One Injured In Smash-Up

An automobile-truck crash at the intersection of Woodlawn street and Park Avenue yesterday shortly after noon resulted in a bruised and lacerated knee for Oda Masters.

Charles Wise of Crowder, driver of the truck, was not injured.

Masters was driving a coach, belonging to his employer, Abe Shainberg. The coach, which was damaged extensively, tilted over by the force of the impact, struck a tree on the east side of Park avenue, then righted itself. Some glass in the car was shattered, fenders bent and the body scratched.

The truck, which was crossing the intersection, had a bent radiator and left front fender. The Shainberg car was traveling south when the mishap occurred.

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He comes up for re-election in St. Louis for fines and imprisonment of employees of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch charged with contempt when they told the truth in editorials and cartoons.

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The photogravures section of the Post-Dispatch carried pictures of the Stephens College girls in Mexico City. The facial expressions of the girls when witnessing the bull fight show excitement, horor, faces hidden and girls weeping for the bull when he was brought to his knees, then to his death. If he could healize the tears shed by these pretty girls over his passing he would have died happy.

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Bob Mow has been confined to his bed for several days with a deep cold caught while he was assisting in dehorning some cattle at his farm. Dr. McClure is attending him. Nood Sewell, the negro porter at his store, told some of his friends that Dr. Olds was with him when he got bull hurt. Dr. Olds was the veterinarian who performed the dehorning operations.

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A drunken driver was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary and taken there by the sheriff at Paris, Mo. This is just about the first time one of these drunken animals has been sent to the penitentiary that we remember of reading about. More of them should get this same medicine and perhaps fewer would drive when drinking or drunk.

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You cannot always believe what you read in Sikeston's second paper. Headline read: "Stark favored by Democrats," while the tail paragraph stated: "A majority of the delegates favoring Senator Bennett C. Clark." The fact is 12 favored Senator Clark while 5 favored Governor Stark. The unit rule was adopted which gives the entire delegation to Senator Clark for chairman of the Missouri delegation at the National Convention. This from Scott County.

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Complaint has been made to The Standard office that campers along the roadside of the old Blodgett road now known as the Sand road, are becoming a nuisance. Appeals have been made to the officials of the Sikeston Special Road District to move them from this camping ground but to date no action has been taken.

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Over 90 per cent of the farmers in the 19 cotton-producing states voted in favor of marketing quotas in a recent referendum held by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. This is a fact to tell some of your friends who say that the farmer is opposed to the New Deal's agricultural program.

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M. Frankle, a respected citizen of New Madrid and prominent business man, died in a Memphis Hospital Thursday morning and was buried in that city. Mr. Frankle was born in Russia in 1864, came to the United States when 20 years old and settled in New Madrid in 1900, where he engaged in the mercantile business that is still a going concern.

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Over the Scott County Milling Co.'s special wire at 1:00 o'clock Saturday afternoon news came that heavy downpour of rain over the dust bowl had caused wheat to go off 3 cents per bushel. As we have neither wheat nor a dust bowl this news will not affect either our pocketbook nor our belly.

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If a motorist drove eight hours a day, and averaged 40 miles an hour, he would have to travel 26 years before he covered all the highways in the United States.

C. C. White Dies After Long Illness

Sikeston lost one of its foremost philanthropists and civic leaders in the death Sunday at 9:15 a. m. of C. C. White, owner of White's Drug store. He was 69.

Mr. White, who had been in the drug business here for a quarter of a century, perhaps was more widely known for his charities and ironically his familiar role as a Good Samaritan probably hastened his death.

He had been ill since the first of the year when he was engaged as a member of the Odd Fellows lodge in finding suitable lodging for an elderly man who was down and out. This task took up several days and was not deterred until satisfactory arrangements had been made despite the fact that he was suffering from influenza and his mission took him out in cold, sleeting weather. He never recovered from the illness.

Mingling an interest in his fellow man with business, he never turned away a poor man from his store because he lacked funds to pay for having a prescription filled.

He served two terms as mayor of Sikeston, being drafted at the outset to fill an unexpired term. Several years were spent as representative in the state legislature. He was a member of the Democratic party.

Besides his lodge work, he was active in Red Cross work and in the affairs of the Methodist church, where he was a steward.

In addition to ownership of the drug store on New Madrid Street, he was an owner of rental city property.

Death came at the residence at 505 North Kingshighway. Mr. White had returned two weeks ago from Barnes hospital at St. Louis where he had sought medical treatment. His fatal illness was his first. He was a man of friendly and cheerful disposition.

He was born May 2, 1870 at Bertrand, where he was reared. His first business venture was a drug store at that town. He subsequently owned drug stores at Cardwell and New Madrid.

Mr. White was married at Bertrand on April 24, 1895 to Miss Tillie White, who died about a year later.

He was married Dec. 25, 1902 at New Madrid to Miss Nancy Alice Work of that city. She survives him.

There were no children but Mr. and Mrs. White partially reared four children of a sister of Mrs. White who had died. The four were Sidney and Fred Schillig of Sikeston and Mrs. Helen Clement and Miss Marie Schillig of St. Louis.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. today from the Methodist church with the Rev. J. H. Taylor, pastor, conducting the rites. Burial will be in city cemetery. The Welsh Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Other survivors are a sister, Mrs. C. L. Whitener, Fredericktown; and four brothers, Pitt of Bertrand, Claude of Oklahoma City, R. C. of St. Louis and Edgar White of Sikeston.

40 Youths From Scott County Enroll in CCC

Forty Scott county boys were enrolled in the Civilian Conservation Corps at New Madrid Friday.

Of the total, 28 have had no prior service in the CCC. They are Manual Armsby, Floyd C. Ates, Earl J. Buchanon, Joseph Buhs, Lowell J. Chamness, Frelyn Chappel, Clyde J. Eichorn, Lloyd Evans, Jimmie Fisk, Mike Halter, Harold Hartman, Ralph Hitt, Paul Hitt, Gene F. Hill, Arthur Hopper, George Hughes, Jerome F. Johnson, Paul F. Legrand, Charles E. Monan, Eldon Moran, Joe S. Morris, Russell Page, Joe R. Schafer, Leonard Shelton, Thomas R. Taylor, William E. Watson, George Wilkinson, William Wolsey, John W. Woods and Ralph Zimmerman.

Other enrollees were Troy R. Allen, Milton Bowles, Dan Delplane, Ottis W. Evans, Vee Geeham, Charles H. Hohman, Marion O. Hornback, Clyde M. Jennings, Nelson C. Mize and Charles D. Wood.

Mrs. J. W. Schroff accompanied her daughter, Mrs. Wayne DeLisle and children to Cape Girardeau Monday.

Lilbourn Mayor Learns Bank Is Good Lockup

Mayor J. H. Holtermann of Lilbourn is accustomed to dishing out punishment in his capacity as police judge. Now he knows what confinement is like.

His honor came to Sikeston Monday with two other men in connection with a land deal. The men made headquarters at the Bank of Sikeston. They came in and out during the morning.

Toward noon Holtermann returned to a private conference room at the bank to wait for his companions. He made himself comfortable and did some reading to while away the time.

The bank grew quiet and the silence aroused the mayor. There was none of the usual noise from the adding machines. He glanced at his watch. It was exactly 12 o'clock noon. He ran into the lobby. Everybody had gone. The banks' doors were locked.

A half hour later the janitor, entering to tidy up, rescued Holtermann from his plight. So the mayor ate a late lunch.

"Imagine a mayor and police judge locked up like this," Holtermann smiled when he met President Joseph L. Matthews of the bank.

"The next time I come to Lilbourn you can lock me up in your jail," retorted Matthews, eager to even up the score.

Matthews explained that it was his habit to check the private conference room personally to see that no one remained inside during the noon hour. He left the bank earlier than customary that day and as a result Holtermann found himself locked in.

Waive Hearing In Theft Case

Luther Hill, negro, and two negro boys waived preliminary hearing before Justice of Peace A. B. Jewell Saturday and were bound over to circuit court on charges of robbery in connection with a $119 theft at the home of A. C. Barrett, 816 North Kingshighway.

The action was taken on behalf of the negroes by Attorney W. P. Wilkerson, who was appointed to represent them as counsel. Trial of the trio has been set for Friday in circuit court at Benton.

Hill is accused of plotting the robbery and the boys, nine and eleven years of age, of executing it.

The loss of the money was discovered two weeks ago. The negroes were taken in custody shortly after occurence of the crime.

Both boys admitted to police they had taken the money around the noon hour while the Barretts were away from home. They said they gave some of the loot to Hill, their uncle.

Kennett Man Is Low Bidder On FSA Homes

M. S. Fray of Kennett with an offer of $560 per unit was apparent low bidder for construction of houses and small type wells in New Madrid county under a Farm Security Administration program.

Bids were opened Friday at the office of the district engineer in the postoffice building. Other bidders were Buford Gracy, Little Rock, $596, Vandivoort Lumber Company, Caruthersville, $602.75; E. C. Robinson Lumber Company, New Madrid, $779, C. M. Meird, Little Rock, $566.50.

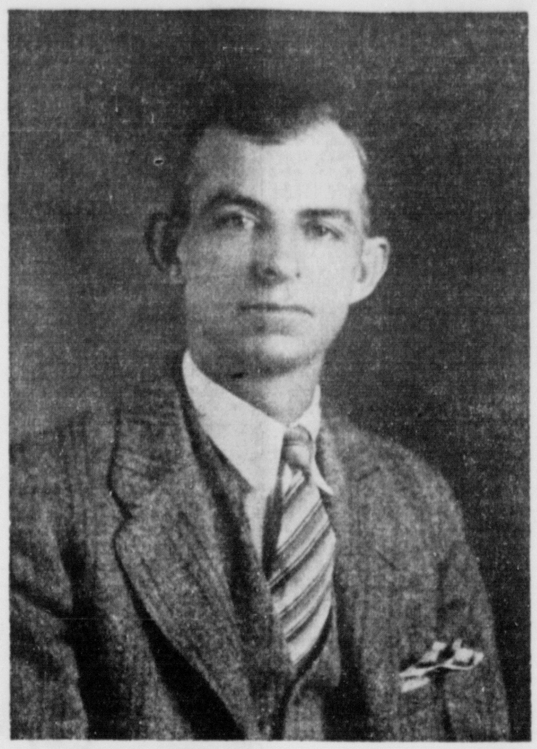
The number of homes to be constructed will be announced later. Bidding was on the basis that no less than five or not more than 50 would be constructed. Construction will be scattered over New Madrid county.

Fined for Driving Overweight Truck

V. F. Dick of Springfield, Mo., pleaded guilty to a charge of driving an overweight vehicle before Justice of the Peace A. B. Jewell Saturday and was fined $18. He paid the fine.

Dick was driving a truck load of grapefruit from Texas to Springfield when arrested by T. E. Gladdish, weight officer of the State highway patrol.

CLYDE MYERS TAKES NEW JOB



Sikeston friends of Clyde Myers will be interested in learning that he has been employed to manage the saddle and harness horses of Dr. H. C. Gaebe, Elmer Devine and Mr. Prather of Desloge.

Myers had recently been connected with the Missouri Stable Horse Sales Company of St. Louis. He was with the St. Louis firm three years.

A former Sikeston resident, he worked here with the Railway Express Company and Stubbs Clothing Company.

His first show with the Prather stable will be at Fredericktown Monday. He expects to judge the horse and stock show at Oak Ridge this fall.

The Standard is confident that all of his Southeast Missouri friends will be glad to hear of his new connection.

Hobbies Described As Important In Child Training

Learning how to spend spare time is part of a child's education, Laurence Knepper, a teacher in the Sikeston schools, told an audience attending the Parent-Teacher Association's second annual hobby show at the high school gymnasium.

Knepper, who was in charge of the program, explained that training children to use idle hours was largely the duty of parents but that teachers also could offer guidance. He described criminals as a class who failed to develop hobbies or spend spare time profitably.

The best hobbies are those which either help others or lead to vocational training for the person following them, he said.

Other talks were made by Paul Brewer, who told how to make model airplanes; Jimmy Rabb, who in discussing photography told how to develop and enlarge pictures; Frank Stevens, who discussed amateur radio; Joe Allen, who told of stamp collecting and gave a history of stamps; Teacher Thurman Travelstead, who discussed nature, particularly trees, birds, insects and gardens. Travelstead introduced Patricia Loehr, who talked on "Our Aquarium."

First and second prizes of $1 and 50 cents were awarded for the best displays of hobbies. The winners:

Most unusual hand made hobby —Gene Rabb and Paul Brewer with a model airplane exhibit, first place; Larry Shain, photographic display, second place.

Most unusual collection—Billy Sikes with a display of pennants and souvenirs, first place; Phyllis Ann Garner, a paper napkin collection, second place.

Most educational hobby—Amateur Radio Club with a radio display, first place. Frank Stevens accepted this award. Earl Martin, post cards, second place.

Most attractive display—Marylin Mayfield, silk handkerchiefs, first place; Roland Lipe, miniature glass dogs, second place.

TWO SCOUTING MEETS DURING MONTH

The calendar of events for Boy Scouting in Sikeston during April includes a meeting of the finance committee tomorrow and a Sikeston district meeting to be held at the telephone office at 7:30 p. m., April 23.

Mrs. G. W. Wester of Holly Grove, Ark., arrived Monday to visit her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Burl Heath.

Box Supper Nets Seniors $60 Toward Journey

Seniors today had approximately $60 toward expenses of their trip to the Deep South at the end of school and other persons the memory of a lot of fun at an old-fashioned box supper at the high school Friday night.

Bidding on the boxes was spirited and none was sold for less than 80 cents. Top price was $2.10.

Nina Verne Taylor, a member of the class and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmos Taylor, won the title of prettiest girl and Shad Old that of the boy having the biggest feet.

The boxes were auctioned by R. A. McCord and Herman McNew.

A musical number presented by Joe Arbaugh and Billy Grant, saxaphone, and Mary Emma Allen, accordian, won first prize of $1 in the home room contest. These students are in Miss Isabel Hess' home room.

Second prize of 50 cents was awarded a group from Miss Dema Parker's home room who presented a play. The cast was composed of J. W. Lewis, Charles Hartzell, Leonard Kindred, Dora Ann Hunott.

A parade of sudents, headed by a section of the high school band, went through the business section Friday afternoon to call the public's attention to the event.

W. H. Stubblefield Jr. Dies in Kansas City

Kansas City, April 5.—William Henry Stubblefield Jr., 75, who was associated with the Missouri State Life Insurance Company in St. Louis for about five years, died in a hospital here today after a week's illness.

He also had engaged in the banking business at Sikeston and Cape Girardeau, Mo., Stubblefield had lived in Kansas City two and one-half years. His widow, two sons, Harold Stubblefield of Kansas City, and Bland Stubblefield of St. Louis, survive. Funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Monday in St. Louis.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. Burl Heath entertained in honor of the 16th birth anniversary of her son, Charles, Friday evening. The guests were Misses Amy Wilkinson, Jean Jackson, Louise Jackson, Jean Cummings, and Margaret Lambert, Bob McCord, David Shy, Benny Jo Morrison, Miller Moll and Dwan O'Conner.

Meet May Go To Sikeston

A committee from the Southeast Missouri Drummers Association will discuss with the Junior Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night a proposal to hold the annual convention of traveling men's organization in Sikeston next year.

President Harry Putman, Kennett, and Secretary Harry S. Power stopped here Friday on the way to Cape Girardeau to make plans for the 44th annual convention of the association to be held there May 23-25. Sharron Pharis, manager of the Del-Rey Hotel accompanied them to Cape Girardeau.

Approximately 300 delegates are expected to attend the meeting. A parade, athletic, beauty and baby contests will feature the convention.

Putnam said that every town in this area was invited to enter a young woman in the beauty contest. The winter will be crowned Queen of Southeast Missouri. The municipalities also may enter floats in the parade.

WPA Week Set For May 20-25

Projects of the professional and service divisions of the Work Projects Administration will be on display to Sikeston visitors May 20-25, to be celebrated as "This Work Pays Your Community Week."

The observance had been originally scheduled for April 22-27 throughout the nation but officials postponed the event.

Mrs. Irene Buchanan, assistant area WPA supervisor of sewing, announced today that while visitors would be especially welcomed at the projects here from May 20-25, the public could inspect the work being done at any time.

She called attention to the weaving project on the second floor of the city hall, a kindergarten play school at the south grade school, a hot lunch program in the city schools and book repairing at the south grade school, the latter being a city library project.

Scout Circus Is Set For May 3

Cape Girardeau, Mo.—The annual Southeast Missouri area Council Boy Scout circus will be held here May 3.

Plans for the event were made at a recent meeting here attended by 54 men from Fredericktown, Benton, Delta, Chaffee, Charleston, Sikeston, Wardell, East Prairie and Cape Girardeau.

All troop committeemen attending will march with their troop in the circus' grand entry.

Requests have been received for 14 reserved seat tickets, including eight from Sikeston.

Scaffold Tilts, Gives Workmen Narrow Escape

A near accident gave onlookers an unexpected thrill and two workmen on the new water tank going up at Ranney and Center street a few anxious moments shortly before the noon hour Saturday.

Too much slack in cables supporting one side of a scaffold upon which the men were working 90 feet above the ground caused a bucket of rivets and another of coal to come crashed down. The workmen saved themselves by grabbing onto cable. The scaffold was soon leveled off and work continued. None was hurt.

The men were working around the huge center pipe of the tank and just beneath the receptacle when the mishap occurred.

The oval tank began to take shape over the week end. Workmen predicted the job would be completed in a month.

Rain caused a temporarily delay in the project Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Fowler Heads P.-T. A.

Mrs. George Fowler was elected president of the Sikeston Parent-Teacher Association at a meeting held Thursday night prior to the annual hobby show, sponsored by the organization, at the high school gymnasium.

The new president and all other officers were elected by acclamation, members accepting the selections of a nominating committee.

Other officers are Mrs. C. R. Auten, first vice president; Mrs. W. P. Wilkerson, second vice president; Mrs. H. M. Kendig, secretary and Mrs. H. N. Draughon, treasurer.

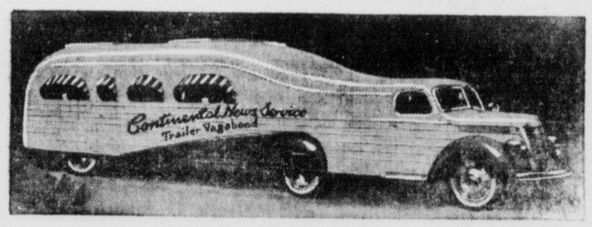
Mattresses Are Sought by 332

New Madrid, Mo.—Applications for 332 mattresses have been received in the County Extension Office. These mattresses are to go to low income farm families and are being made from cotton furnished by the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation.

Twenty-four bales of cotton and two bales of ticking have been ordered.

Arrangements are being made in the different communities for making the mattresses. Each family is required to make his own mattress at some central place under direction of a committee. The women of the County Home Economics Clubs will supervise this job.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gregg of near Lilbourn are parents of a son, Ralph, born at their home April 4.



By WARREN BAYLEY

Rockwall, Texas

For the past 80 years, a considerable amount of speculation, investigation and legend spinning has centered about this little Texas town. The great scientific minds of the world have journeyed here and disagreed upon their findings, which has only added to the mystery and general confusion.

The subject of the conrtoversy is an immense buried rock-wall of great proportions which surrounds an area of 4 square miles about the city and from which the town was named. The question—was it built by prehistoric man or is it a phenomenon of nature?

Back in 1852 a pioneer settler by the name of Terry Wade endeavored to dig a well in this community and ran into the structure. Scant attention was paid to the rock formation at that time, but later when other settlers ran into the same difficulty or found outcroppings of the wall in other places, a more detailed study was made.

The survey disclosed that the rock wall enclosed an area of 4 square miles, was constructed of rock not found otherwise within 300 miles, was smooth and perpendicular on the outside and sloped and terraced in step fashion on the inside. A series of over 50 excavations were made at various places about the formation and although continued to over 30 feet in depth, failed to locate the base of the structure.

Scientists then entered the picture and for many years have made a study of hte wall. As stated their findings disagree. However, the consensus of opinion is that it is man made.

One scientist has gone on record as willing to stake his professional reputation that the base of the wall will be located at 50 feet and that it was an immense rock fortification built by prehistoric man over one million years ago. He states that with a

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Estimate of Paving Cost Sought

Employment of an engineer to estimate the cost of adding additional blocks to Siketson's paved streets was authorized Thursday night by the city council.

The engineer will investigate expense involved by paving Moore Avenue from Hunter Street to Wakefield Avenue and Wakefield Avenue east of Moore Avenue to U. S. highway 61. Estimates are to be made under terms of an old Works Project Administration paving project.

A discussion by an official of the Local Truck System Terminal and residents living in the area was followed by a council decision to notify officials of the firm to appear at a subsequent meeting and show cause why stock pens adjacent to the terminal should not be declared a nuisance and abated.

This action followed renewal of a request by the residents, many of them women, that the stock pens be removed from the section. Spokesmen for the group complained both of odors and noise from the pens and reported that these had adversely affected property values in the area. Some reported noise frequently disrupted sleep.

Joseph L. Matthews, reporting for an aldermanic committee which investigated the matter, said that conditions had been improved at the pens by chat placed on the ground, boxing in of ends of the enclosure and construction of a roof over it.

Gene Potashnick of the treminal expressed a willingness to take other steps to improve conditions and keep noise at a minimum but reluctance to move the pens.

Matthews reported that the committee found that terminal officials were unwilling to move the pens because of additional expense that would be entailed in a location outside the city limits. He offered personally to provide land for the pens outside the city if the firm decided to move.

The council agreed to purchase 41 police badges for American Legionnaires after Major C. L. Malone explained the need of a Legion police force.

Malone declared that the force would be of value in an emergency, such as a flood, to police football games and direct traffic at the pubilee. The force would be assembled at the call of the mayor.

"We can mobilize 20 men in 20 minutes," Malone said.

The Legionnaire told the council that many members of the veterans' organization would purchase their own badges from the city and the municipal expense from ordering them would be kept at a minimum.

Lyman Matthews was authorized to build a home, garage and cleaning room of concrete construction on Moore Avenue, south of Clyde Matthews' property.

C. L. Blanton, Jr., chairman of the armory board, read letters from Administrator B. M. Casteel of the Works Project Administration and Adjt. Gen. Lewis M. Means of Jefferson City inquiring about arrangements for dedication of the new armory building.

The council authorized Blanton to write Casteel and Means that a dance held at the armory had been advertised as a dedicatory event and to ask them if they had any suggestions to make in view of this circumstance.

A requirement that the city collector post a $5000 bond with a penalty for failure to comply became a ordinance after introduction of a bill by Alderman Gust Zacher.

Mayor G. W. H. Presnell reappointed E. P. Coleman a member of the board of public works, E. L. Tongate, fire chief engineer, Milburn Arbaugh, fire chief and A. C. Barrett, city clerk. The appointments were ratified by the council.

The mayor announced appointment of the following aldermanic committees:

Park and cemetery — E. H. Smith, L. F. Mayfield and S. L. Lawrence.

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We're glad to see the Advertising Federation of America start a backfire against the various "consumers' protective" groups—meaning outfits that profess to be able to give you the inside low-down on whether almost any product you name is as advertised.

These people have been asking for a kickback for some time . . . but before we go on, we'll ask you please to bear in mind that we depend on advertising for most of our revenues, believe in advertising, and will take all the reputable advertising we can carry alongside a generous amount of fiction, articles and pictures. So please discount our remarks accordingly, and see if you can pick any flaws in them.

In a going and highly complex society, there have to be ways of spreading news to great masses of buyers regarding who has what goods to exchange for money or other goods. Advertising is the natural and the fastest way yet invented. It hapens to have been raised to the level of an art in the United States—the verve and inventiveness of the American mind, we suppose.

There have been and are abuses in American advertising. In so far as these consumers' protective groups aim at those with real, scientifically gathered information, they render a genuine service, and more power to them.

Our chief complaint is that they try to take in too much territory. Actually they are against advertising and really are hostile to private business enterprise. They are long on propaganda and short on facts. So they pass along prejudiced gossip.

Here are a few truths that seem self-evident to us:

A business concern that hopes to survive cannot risk antagonizing the buying public by printing fraudulent or exaggerated advertising—which, like any other class of lie, will eventually out.

Every reputable publication nowadays exercises careful supervision over the advertising it prints. Slips occur, but not many.

The Federal Trade Commission has ample power (some people think too ample) to makea firm in interstate commerce stop making excessive or baseless claims for its products.

People themselves as a rule aren't so dumb as the self-appointed consumers' guardians appear to believe. A surprising number of us common clucks, while we enjoy a handsomely gotten-up and well-written ad, can spot any lies or half-lies it may contain—the ultimate loser being none other than the advertiser himself.

Well, what it all adds up to, we believe, is that periodical advertising as conducted in the present-day United States is conducted more and more ethically all the time; that most advertised goods sold today are as represented by their makers in their advertising; and that the self-appointed consumers' nursemaids are offering consumers a lot of information that isn't real information.—Colliers.

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A high official of the Republican state organization who stays awake nights concocting ways and means of advising the Democratic Party how to conduct the affairs of state entrusted to its care, issued a public statement the other day in which he sought by a skillful play of words to create the impression that the last Republican Governor of Missouri, Henry S. Caulfield, solved the problem of caring for the needy and distressed of the state during his administration—and all "without any increase in taxes."

And that is news, because it has never been heard of before, or even whispered in selcet gatherings of the G. O. P. faithful. Since, however, the Republicans have adopted a policy of claiming credit for everything but the Harding, Coolidge and Hoover administrations, they doubtlessly shifted into a huddle and generously concluded to place upon the broad shoulders of Henry Caulfield the glory of having solved Misouri's relief problem during his four years in the chief executive's chair.

And this is news also—the amazing lack of information which this Republican leader has at his command. To assert that Governor Caulfield solved the state's relief problem is to display either an utter disregard for fact or an appalling ignorance of state affairs of recent year.

Does he not know, or is he merely atempting to fool the people his party has so often fooled, that during the long and wearisome years of misrule under Governor Caulfield not a single cent was appropriated for the relief of the needy unemployed of Missouri, although thousands were crying for assistance? Missouri, under Caulfield, had no relief program.

Does he not know that during the Caulfield regime not a single penny was expended to help the old people of Missouri, although their need was more obvious then than ever before in state annals? Missouri, under Caulfield, had no old age assistance program.

Does he not know that not even one dependent child was extended aid during Caulfield's regime? Missouri, under Caulfield, had no program for its thousands of neglected, dependent children.

The truth is, as the Republican Party well knows, that the policy and attitude of Henry Caulfield regarding relief and unemployment when he was Governor of Missouri was identical with that of Herbert Hoover, who was then whistling "Prosperity Is Just Around the Corner" on the White House lawn.

Neither Hoover nor Caulfield had any program of relief or of aid to the old folk, and but little interest in the fate of condition of either unfortunate group. As far as they were concerned, the jobless, the hungry and the helpless could "root, hog or die." They advocated no legislation in their behalf and appropriated not a copper cent for their benefit.

And, as concerns Governor Caulfield's management of state finances, the books do reveal that he did make something of a record—he left more than a million dollars worth of his bills for the incoming Democratic administration to pay.

And all of this—"without any increase in taxes."

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As a candidate for election to the office in which he has compiled such an outstanding record of public service, it becomes almost a certainity that Dwight Brown will continue in office as one of Missouri's most important administrators . . . Candidate Brown for the office of Secretary of State stands alone. In fact, it might be said that the term "logical candidate" was coined expressly for his position in that race.—St. Louis County Leader.

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SYNOPSIS

Jane Benson, a charming English girl living alone — with crochety old servants — in a huge Yorkshire mansion, longs for the gayety and glitter of the social world. When Freddie Jarvis, a young country doctor in love with her, comes to tend the servants, she admits her love for him and begs him to take her out of her dull life. He leaves without telling her that he has decided to marry her, and move his work to London. That night, a lawyer comes from London to inform Jane that she is the heir to her grandfather's estate — to eighteen million pounds. Very distant cousins Millie and Julie come quickly to "chaperone", as Freddie shoulders through the newsreel men.

Chapter Two

Freddie stood quietly, watching her shining eyes, listening to her bright, bubbling enthusiasm. "Think of it, darling!" he heard her say. "I'm going to London — then to Paris, to buy some clothes. I'm going for a ride over the moon! I'm going to see all the wonderful things — meet all the marvelous, gay people that I've been reading about. Freddie, isn't it a miracle!"

"Yes," he said dismally.

"And the suddenness of it!" she went on. "After all this gloom!"

"Didn't you ever think you might have a fortune?" he asked.

"No! My grandfather made it all from the coal-mines and it's been piling up ever since his death. He was a horrible old miser. He didn't want me to grow up knowing I was an heiress — he thought that years of gloom and misery would make me as mean and stingy as he was. But he made a bad guess. I'm going to spend it — right and left! I'm going to have some fun at last — and so will you, darling! I'm going to buy you the finest laboratory in the world, with lots of trained nurses — all very unattractive — and we'll give a wonderful party every night when we're married!"

"When we're what?"

She felt the dullness in his voice. "Freddie," she asked, "what's happened to you since yesterday?"

"Yesterday you needed me as a chance of escape from this," he said deliberately. "Today the whole world is yours — the whole wonderful, glamorous, expensive world."

"But supposing I tell you that I love you?"

"I shouldn't believe it. You want your freedom, don't you? And so do I. If we were married we'd lose all chance of it. Your money would ruin any ambition I've got, and I'd spoil your fun."

"You're talking like my grandfather!" she countered angrily, completely taken aback. "I'm going out to spend a million — maybe two millions — I'm going to spend it foolishly, gloriously! After that — well, in the meantime I'll have done some living."

"I hope you have a fine time, Jane."

"No you don't! You hope that all the money poisons me. Otherwise you'd come with me to London. Freddie, won't you try it?" she pleaded. "Please say yes."

He paused, looking deeply into her eyes.

"All right," he said slowly. "I'll try it."

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They tried it. The week in London, and the smart salons of Paris, for Jane's trousseau. When the male model minced in, wearing spectacular pajamas, Freddie left. In the bar, meeting a reporter, who had a single question to ask: "What's it feel like to be the prospective husband to eighteen million pounds?" Freddie hit him once, and left. He went angrily to Jane's room in the hotel.

"Oh, Freddie! I thought you were never coming!" she laughed. The words tumbled out. "Look at this negligee, darling. Isn't it lovely? And I've got lots more like it. Dresses for dancing, cocktails, bridge, yachting — oh, yes, darling, I bought a yacht, and the loveliest Rolls Royce, all lined with jade-green, and the sweetest villa in Monte Carlo, and oh, darling, I forgot to tell you — I've bought you a hospital — well, not really a hospital — it's a fashionable clinic, where all the best people go when they're not really ill, and pay enormous fees to be cured of what they haven't got!" She ran to him, throwing her arms about his neck. "Won't that be lovely, darling?"

"Jane...," he said gravely. "Jane — all this stuff — everything you've said since I came into the room pushes me right out of your life."

"But, Freddie, you've got the Clinic!"

"The Clinic most of all."

"But, darling..."

"No. You listen to me. What's your program? Yachts, cars, frocks, jewels, trailing across Europe at the head of the monkey-parade and trailing *me* behind you like a toy Pomeranian!"

"Freddie, that's not fair!" Her temper flared. "That's a most ungenerous thing to say!"

"It's a rotten ungenerous thing to *be!*"

"What you mean is, you don't love me enough to go on."

"Not to go on as you're going. You think you love me, but how do you know? You've never met anybody else."

"And you'd like me to?"

"Certainly. Go and meet 'em."

"And I thought you loved me!"



" . . . and oh, darling, I've bought you a hospital — "

"So did I. But that was before you got your rotten millions and your rotten friends. But now I've either got to be Mr. Jane Benson or get out. And I'm getting out."

She was dangerously calm. "Please do," she said. "Good night."

"Good night." And he was gone.

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It made the headlines, of course, with: "GLITTER GIRL SENSATION — BENSON BETROTHAL BROKEN — DOCTOR PREFERS MEDICINE TO MILLIONS." In a fashionable "clinic" set high among the Swiss Alps, Dr. Heinrich Berenger turned suavely to his publicity manager. Dr. Frederick Jarvis, he said, was just what was needed for the New Season's Attraction. Offer him a contract, to be sure...

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And Julie found Jane with reddened eyes. "Jane — Jane darling!" she said. "You've been crying!"

"Julie, Freddie hasn't come back—and I don't think he ever will."

"Well, that's fine. You ought to be grateful to him."

"Grateful? He told me to meet all the other men I could."

"Very sensible advice. I hope you take it."

"I certainly shall!"

"Of course you will. When you were a little nobody it was perfectly proper to fall in love with a country doctor. But now that you are a multi-millionairess you must make a great *marriage*."

"A marriage?"

"Certainly. An Earl or a Duke or even a Prince. Or all three — in sequence, of course."

Jane laughed. "You're putting dreadful ideas in my head, Julie!"

"You can afford them. You haven't lived yet! You don't know what's in store for you — what joys — what intoxications — what discoveries! Child — the world's your toyshop. Don't you want to play?"

Jane nodded her head firmly. "You just watch me!"

"Good, 'cause I've decided you're going to have a party — a real rowdy party!"

"All right, when?"

"Tonight. I've asked everyone to be there. It will be very Bohemian, you know — actors — authors — athletes — admirals. Rather fun, too. *Raa-ther!*"

(To be continued)

An Italian woman gave birth to five children in 11 months; twins were born one June and triplets the following May.

The beaver uses a split nail on the second toe of a hind foot as a comb and toothpick.

The Curies discovered radium in 1898. Since that time only about 1½ pounds, or not quite 600 grams, have been mined.

The United States, in 1886, for the first time produced more steel than any other country.

Trailer Vagabond

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tunnel dug around the outside of the wall, it will reveal not less than 3 openings and that excavations on the inside near these openings will disclose the ruins of dwellings of a prehistoric race that lived to be over 500 years in age and were at least 8 feet in height. He maintains the things discovered will necessitate the writing of a new history of the world. Exploration work is now being conducted to settle its origin for once and

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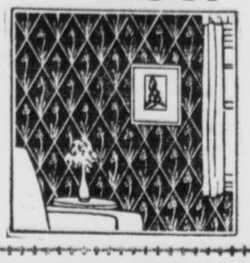
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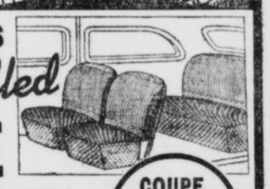
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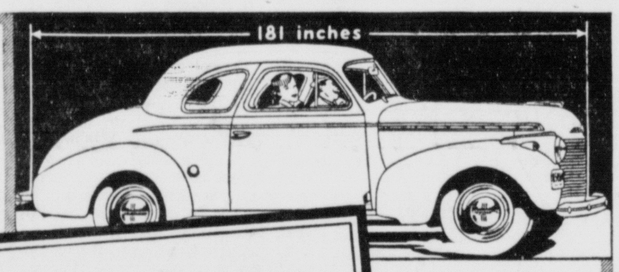
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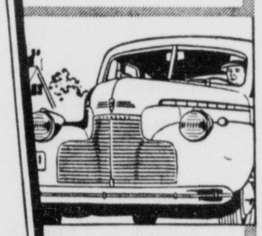


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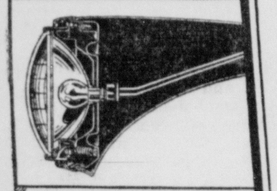
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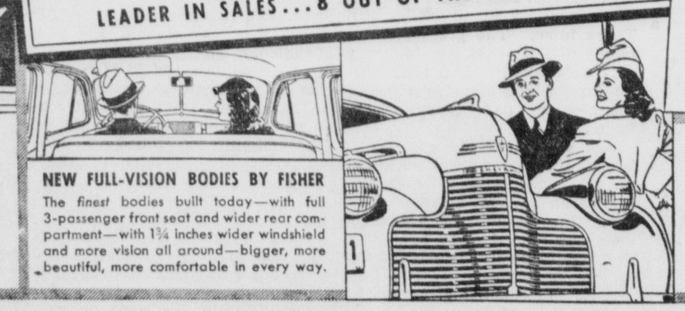
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CHATS *with the Master Gardener*

HOW TO KEEP AN ESTABLISHED LAWN BEAUTIFUL

In our last chat I remarked that early feeding is the best way to give your lawn the jump on the weeds. I recommended using a complete plant food, one that supplies all eleven needed food elements in scientifically balanced proportions.

Early feeding has another advantage, too. It happens before the rush of other garden tasks begins. And there's no necessity to water the plant food, because late snows and spring rains take care of that. When the ground is thawing, the soil is in a porous condition. Plant food works down gradually and is all ready to do its work when the grass roots start growing.

By early feeding, I mean just as the frost is out of the ground, before the grass starts to grow in Northern localities. Farther South, feeding should be done before permanent grasses start taking the place of waning winter grasses.

CORRECT POOR SOIL CONDITION

After you've given the grass a square meal, you can wait a bit, until the soil is dried out enough to work. Then go after the places where the grass was killed last summer. Try to analyze what caused the trouble. If the soil had too much clay in it, so that it baked hard and dry, spade in some sand or finely sifted ashes. If it was too sandy, you can fix it by mixing in heavy black loam, or peat moss, or well-decayed mulch, such as last year's dead leaves and grass clippings. Then mix in some complete plant food, one heaping tablespoon to every squarefoot, or two quarts to every 100 square feet, Work the food three or four inches into the ground. Then apply the best seed you can get, and plenty of it. Rake it lightly into the soil, and water gently but thoroughly. And keep moist until the new grass has made good growth.

WHEN TO ROLL, CUT, AND WATER

Now about rolling your lawn. Once a year is enough—early in the spring, when the ground first becomes firm. At that time rolling removes the air pockets created by the frost, and pushes the grass roots back into the soil where they can get nourishment.

As for cutting, let your spring grass get three inches high before you cut it. Use a grass-catcher on your mower, because dead clippings form a mat that hurts the grass.

And a word about watering. It's a good idea to water your lawn less frequently and do a more thorough job of it. Light waterings draw the roots to the surface and the sun may dry them up.

NIGHTINGALE SINGING CONVENTION

The Nightingale Singing Convention of New Madrid County will meet at Parma, Missouri the second Sunday in April, April 14, in the General Baptist Church. Parma is located on the farm-to-market highway between Risco and Hunterville.

We are expecting this to be one of the very best singing conventions New Madrid County has ever known. Among the out-of-state visitors expected is Prof. Luther G. Presley of the Stamps-Baxter Music and Printing Company of Pangburn, Arkansas. Mr. Presley is one of the best composers of gospel songs the south has ever known, and is a great help in any convention.

We have also invited the Jolly Trio of Jonesboro, Arkansas, and Ray Thompson and quartet of Rector. These singers are among the outstanding entertainers of Arkansas. There will also be singers from Dunklin, Pemiscott, Stoddard and other adjoining counties in Missouri, and from all Northeast Arkansas.

The convention will open at 10 o'clock and continue throughout the day, so bring a basket lunch and spend the day. Everyone is cordially invited, and especially all singers.—Mrs. D. R. Cruce, secretary.

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National Wildlife Federation

This Week in Missouri History

Bridging the change from the glorious old Jesuit mission period in Missouri and Illinois to the still more notable development of the Church in the middle west during the 19th century was the work of Father Pierre Gibault. For more than a decade he served as New Madrid's spiritual leader. His work in another field, helping the United States acquire the Northwest Territory and working to maintain good Indian relations, won for him the title of the "Patriot Priest of the West."

Although he has sometimes been called the "first citizen" of Illinois, Father Gibault was born at Montreal, Canada, on April 7, 1737, two hundred and three years ago this week. He was educated in the Seminary at Quebec and served for a time in the cathedral. Responding in 1768 to a call for help from Father Sebastian Meurin, the last remaining pre-suppression Jesuit in the Mississippi valley, he went to Kaskaskia, an old French village across the river and a few miles below present Ste. Genevieve.

For many years Father Gibault was the only official of the Catholic church in the region north of the Ohio river. He traveled thousands of miles on foot, on horseback, or by canoe. He made long trips through territory now included in the states of Illinois and Indiana. He wanet to Ste. Genevieve and La Salines in present Ste. Genevieve county, to St. Louis, Old Mines, and south into the present state of Arkansas. Never in very good health, he still labored untiringly in his missionary work.

Father Gibault disliked the British. On the other hand, he had a deep friendship for the newly-created American republic. When George Rogers Clark began his conquest of the Northwest Territory, therefore, Father Gibault persuaded his loyal parishioners at Kaskaskia, Cahokia, and Vincennes, to surrender without struggle to Clark and his Kentucky Long Knives, probably doing more than any other man to make the conquest easier.

He also visited Indian tribes of the region and led them to transfer their allegiance from Great Britain to the United States in peaceful measures. Besides all this, he gave his entire fortune to Clark and his men, and persuaded others to offer financial aid.

In every sense Father Gibault led the inhabitants from the time of his coming to Illinois until he moved across the river to New Madrid. He held an unusual power over rough and not too religious frontiersmen. During the second year of his ministry at Kaskaskia less than ten men failed to make their Easter confessions, a thing previously unknown in the history of the settlement. He helped maintain good relations between the French, Americans, and Indians, and even exchanged courtesies with the Spanish on the west side of the Mississippi.

It is not known exactly when the patriot priest came to minister to the spiritual needs of the settlers in the region now included in Missouri. As early as 1770, however, two years after his arrival in the Illinois country, he crossed the Mississippi and served the Church of St. Louis, the first Catholic church erected in the city and among the earliest houses of religious services in Missouri.

New Madrid, the first village in the present State of Missouri that was planned and founded by citizens of the United States, claimed Father Gibault as the director of its religious life from the time of its founding until his death on August 16, 1802. Beginning in 1790 he made New Madrid his permanent home. Three years later he was appointed pastor for the village. In 1799 he built St. Isidore's church, which, with a change or two of name, has since been the center of the town's cultural and religious life save for the short period when the social life of the community was disrupted as a result of the famous earthquake.

TRAVELOG

Real Southern Hospitality and Florida Atmosphere Greet Vacationists in Jacksonville

While Jacksonville, Florida, is an important business city, it is also a tourist city. Its play-loving, sport-loving populace, its romantic Southern atmosphere, its lakes, woods and streams, its historical background back a powerful appeal to the seasonal visitor.

One can bathe at any beach and there are others where one can drive for thirty-six miles over an ocean-side boulevard of smooth, hard-packed white sand.

The beach is popular with everyone, residents and tourists, the year-round. Excellent hotels and numerous cottages afford accommodations.

Good fishing is to be had in the surf or in the St. Johns River nearby. All of the famous Florida seafish, excepting only those which inhabit the Gulf Stream, are to be taken here—tarpon, channel bass, bonita, mackerel, pompano, drum and many other varieties of finny gamesters await the lure of the sportsman.

Within an hour's journey from Jacksonville is St. Augustine, the oldest city in America, with its glamorous and romantic history and its old world aspect.

If you talk horse sense these days, most people will give you the horse laugh.

CIRCUS BOA GIVES BIRTH TO 6 BABIES AT MATINEE

New York, April 6.—A six-foot boa constrictor gave birth to six live baby boas and four eggs in a box on the snake charmer's platform of the Ringing Brothers-Barnum & Bailey Circus in Madison Square Garden during today's matinee performance.

Herpetologists (snake experts) said she must have been "emotionally upset" to hatch the six eggs inside her body—snakes don't ordinarily have live births. The experts advised layettes of sand and excelsior.

SNAKE PROTECTS CORN CRIB

For more than four years a North Carolina farmer kept a large blacksnake in his corn crib. During the time rats and mice were very scarce around his place. Recently the snake was inadvertently killed, and since then rodents have so increased that the farmer wants another snake.—From the National Wildlife Federation.

DUCKS FOR MOSQUITO CONTROL

Mallard ducks are efficient as a mosquito control agency, Texas Game Department zoologist say. They eliminate most of the larvae of the insect, even from the most badly infected places.—From the National Wildlife Federation.

DUCK DIVING CONTEST

The subject of how deep ducks dive for food was tested recently by Dr. Harry Leon Kutz, Cornell University zoologist. Dr. Kutz experimented with Mallard and Black ducks by dropping corn into varying depths of water. At five and seven foot depths both Mallards and Blacks competed successfully for the corn. But at a ten-foot level, the Blacks monopolized the grain, the Mallards being unable to reach it.

That a ten-foot dive was not easy for the Blacks is evident from Dr. Kutz's description: "Preceding each dive a bird would assume a definite stance with neck fully extended upward and muscles tensed. Then with a powerful kick both feet it would disappear beneath the surface of the water, the kick causing a splash of no inconsiderable proportions."—From the National Wildlife Federation.

QUAIL GO TO COLLEGE

Twenty-six Mexican blue quail are making their home on the campus of Cameron College, Lawton, Oklahoma. No one knows where they came from, but they have taken up their abode in and around the stables at that institution of higher learning.—From the National Wildlife Federation.

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A "DISPLAY HOUSE" OFFER IS JUST PLAIN BUNK

If you are approached with a "special offer" to have your house repaired—that's symptom number 1.

If you are told only a few "lucky owners" are being thus "selected"—that's symptom number 2.

If you are informed that because of the "Special price" given you, your house will really be a "display house", (a sort of advertisement to show other prospects)—that's symptom number 3.

All three symptoms, taken together, earmark a racket which victimizes homeowners by sharp practices and trickery.

Actually, the "special offer' is as high, or higher, than the price charged by reputable established contractors. Certain owners are selected as prospective victims, and are really unlucky.

Never sign a completion certificate, showing the work completed to your satisfaction, until you are really satisfied.

Legitimate house contractors for roofing, siding. painting, insulation and repairs, and firms selling honest materials, are cooperating with the Better Business Bureau of St. Louis in exposing this scheme. If you are approached—

"Before you invest—Investigate!"

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SCOUT COUNCIL TO HAVE 2 MORE FIELD MEN

Cape Girardeau, Mo.—A $7,000 gift from Frank Phillips of Bartlesville, Okla., will make possible the employment of two additional field men for the Southeast Missouri Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.

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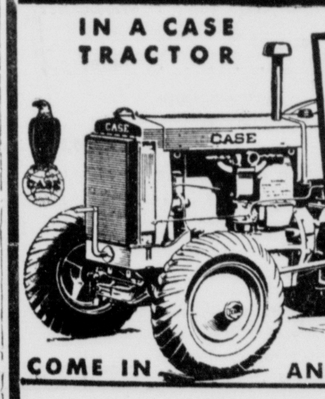
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Every housekeeper in S. E. Missouri is invited to visit our place soon—go through at their leisure and hears—first hand—why such extravagant claims are made.

Suppose we mention a few outstanding items that merit attention of spring housecleaners.

New Frigidaires—said by those who know to be the outstanding display of this entire section of Missouri. Frigidaire Ranges are included of course.

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New Armstrong Linoleum and rugs—most housekeepers know that Armstrong patterns lead in beauty. See the window display.

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The box sale and entertainment given in the High School Auditorium for the benefit of the fund to take the senior class to Natchez, Miss., Baton Rouge and New Orleans, La., and Gulfport, Miss., was a very enjoyable affair and brought around $60 to the treasury. This trip is one of the most enjoyable and educational affairs that can be taken. There are about 75 in the graduating class and it will take about $2000 to carry this outing through as last year and whether or not these young people can raise that much money by the time school closes is a question. We wish it were possible for the School Board to award this graduating class with $1000 toward the expense, but whether or not they can, or will, take this hint remains to be seen.

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The Democratic convention in session at New Madrid March 30 went on record as "opposing and everthing that is desired by Lloyd Crow Stark, who has ignored the Democrats of the State of Missouri and is not deserving of any Democratic support." That is going pretty strong and will likely cause such a split among Democrats in that county that Republicans may elect some of their candidates this fall.

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If a woman used the same care in picking a husband as in picking a new hat and a man the same care in picking a wife as in picking a new automobile there might not be so many divorces, says the Milan Standard.

* * *

Monday was just like any other spring day and so far as we know, none of our friends made an April Fool out of us. Doubtless some of you readers think we are a year-around-fool and to add an April to this title was unnecessary. Just the same, we feel slighted in not having been subjected to some minor embarrassment on the one day when it is open season on suckers.—Shelbina Democrat.

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People continue to ask: "Is it really true that I can have my own home with the money I pay for rent?"

Thousands of other persons have already learned the answer to that question. These thousands have discovered that, instead of paying twenty, thirty, forty, or fifty dollars a month for the privilege of living in a place belonging to someone else, they could pay a similar or even smaller amount and at the same time bring themselves closer to owning their own home.

Actually, the person who is paying rent to someone else can "pay himself rent." The Insured Mortgage System of the Federal Housing Administration lumps all ordinary expenses and costs into one monthly payment, a payment which does not change and on which there are never added any extra or hidden expenses. The prospective home builder knows in advance exactly what his ordinary costs will be each month from the day he moves into the new home until the day he owns it outright.

The very best place for a man's rent money is in a home and a mortgage on a home where there are regular, moderate payments to the principal and where monthly charges are within the reasonable ability of the home owner to meet.

But being one's own landlord goes deeper than just the money a person is investing and saving. The new home owner begins to store up happiness for his family, and his own self-confidence rises. His credit goes up, and the family's position is improved with the knowledge that the children have an established place in the community.

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Unemployment is still a serious problem—what good has come from all of the millions spent on relief?

That is a critical question that is now frequently heard voiced. Disregarding the vast public improvements in every county and city of the Nation which have resulted from relief activities and the expenditure of relief dollars, let the answer concern but human lives and human living. Life, after all, is the boon of boons, the gift of gifts, and living is the most precious privilege, the pleasure supreme.

What good have all of these relief millions done? Why they have given life itself—sustained existence—and made living a joy for millions of needy and unfortunate.

They have enabled millions to feed, clothe and house themselves, their wives and families—making a normal life a reality.

They have made it possible for these same millions to meet their just obligations, pay current bills, taxes, insurance, interest on mortgages, and perhaps to lay away a small sum for a future emergency.

They have sent children to school to be educated, to church for proper religious training, and to parks and playgrounds for essential recreation.

They have installed radios in homes for entertainment and instruction, provided automobiles for work and play, and furnished little luxuries which have added to life's zest.

They have secured doctors in time of illness, care for those with failing sight, and life-saving treatment and attention for the maimed, the crippled and the afflicted.

They have sprinkled sunshine into dark and dreary homes, made mothers smile as they bent over hot stoves, coaxed dimples of delight to the faces of innocent children.

They have enabled men and women to work regularly, to arise at each break of dawn with that priceless feeling that they have a job to go to, a task that awaits their willing hands—that they, after all, are of some use and value in a storm-swept old world.

They have made it possible for countless numbers to retain their self-respect, to hold their heads high and face life unashamed, to be courageous and unafraid, secure in the knowledge that their destinies are in friendly keeping.

They have afforded more than six years of abundant life and joyous contentment to millions of American men, women and children faced with destitution, despair and degradation.

These are some of the "good" that have come from all of the millions spent on relief—and nothing in the past nor in the future history of the Democratic Party has or will ever so become it as this giving of the glorious boon of life and living to the great masses of a great people.

Washington Comment

When Polonius said of Hamlet that, being a prince, he might walk with longer tether than common men were wont to do, he did not have a United States Minister to Canada in mind, but if a short halter is the badge of a common man, Mr. Cromwell belongs in that group. In a speech at Toronto, the diplomatic representative made remarks which justify the broad statement that they were anti-German and proAlly. A rebuke from Secretary of State Hull, for violating general instructions, followed. The head is with Mr. Hull, but the heart is with a Senator who maintained in substance that Minister Cromwell simply had repeated what everybody else was saying, and why make a misdoing out of it?

The shake-up in the French cabinet was the result of three desires in the public mind: a smaller and more speedily working body, one that would include statesmen of all political creeds, and more pep at the front. The ultimate probable fulfillment of the last-mentioned seems to be all that was accomplished, and perhaps that is enough, for the time being at least.

The positive step taken by France quickened the pulses of those in England who think that the ministry of that land is a little too "tolerant". English comment ranged from a demand for a wholesale house cleaning to the view that what the French did was their own affair and no concern of Britain: yet there seems to be a widespread call for activity of a kind which will throw fear into the soul of the enemy and increase the sympathetic respect of those who have not taken sides.

Having quieted the Finns, so far as active warfare is concerned, Russia is reported to be putting on the screws. Finland is not to enter the North European alliance, and the boundary heretofore suggested is to be shoved further into Finnish territory. Dropping the screw, but still keeping to mechanics for a figure of speech, Russia up to this time seemingly has given but a few light taps to the wedge. The full swing blows are to come later, as everyone has suspected from the first.

The anti-third term movement was strengthened in one sense, but weakened as a working unit, by the definite entrance of Mr. Farley into the field. His quoted words leave no room for doubt as to his intentions: "To clear up any misunderstanding, let me say that my name will be presented to the Democratic National Convention, and that's that". A middle ground party maintain that Mr. Farley's candidacy will do no more than give him a good chance for the second place. Opposing candidates and out and out third termers speak well of Mr. Farley, but the friends of Mr. Roosevelt, though mildly astonished in some instances, see no warning of a political split, or more than a desire on the part of the Post Master General to clear the horizon as soon as possible.

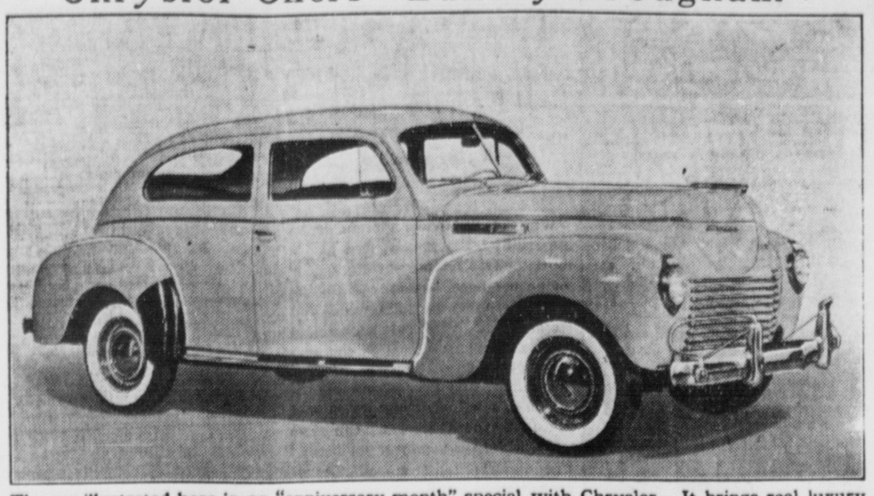
On the Republican side, Messrs. Dewey and Vandenberg continue to be most talked about. The Michigan Senator says that the Presidential decision this year is too desperately important to be pursued in hte interest of any personal aspiration, a view which Mr. Dewey shares. Hope springs eternal in the breasts of both parties. According to the Democrats, they have five available candidates, any one of whom can be elected. Republican confidence is reflected in the advice: "Don't allow this Administration to discourage you too much, because it is only going to be here eight more months."

Odds and ends. A Pennsylvania student who took the Bible literally, cut off his own hand. The President of a Washington university reports that the deliberations of a national conference on theoretical physics are too deep for a mere college president. A whale, rammed by a ship, rode two hundred miles on the stem of the vessel into the port of Baltimore. A New Jersey man who suspected his coal dealer, confirmed his suspicions by weighing a ton of coal, a shovel full at a time, on a pair of house hold scales.

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The car illustrated here is an "anniversary month" special with Chrysler. It brings real luxury within reach of the modest purse. The car is built on a Windsor chassis of 122½ inches with an engine developing 108 horsepower. Its standard equipment includes radio, de luxe heater and defroster, white sidewall tires, fender guards, two-tone upholstery and a folding arm rest in the rear seat, all features generally associated with cars of considerably higher price. The "luxury brougham" comes in all the standard colors and also in the special spring colors, Tacoma cream and Hawaii blue. It lists for $1045 delivered in Detroit and will be available in the month of April only.

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Kiwanis Club Activities

"The Creation of Man" was the subject of an interesting talk by the Rev. Joseph P. Read, Pastor of the Sikeston Christian Church before the Kiwanis Club Friday evening at the Palace Cafe.

He said that God breathed into man's nostrils the breath of life and be became a living soul. Thus man became the highest created being on earth.

He stated that he was not concerned with the different theories of creation but that man was a mental and a spiritual being as well as physical.

He asserted that men should be developed physically and mentally and that the moral training should not be left out, that without spiritual development man is a failure. The abundant life that Jesus taught begins here.

A note of thanks from Frank D. Lair was read to the Club. Mr. Lair has been ill in a Memphis hospital but is now home again.

Another letter was read from Mrs. B. T. Brothers who is also absent from home on account of illness. She is recovering and hopes to be home again soon.

The next meeting will be April 12, at the Palace Cafe.

Urges Larger Spring Gardens

New Madrid, Mo.—Home Demonstration Agent Anne Sillers today urged in view of recent dry falls that larger spring gardens be planted by farm families to enable them to better follow a live-at-home program.

She pointed out that recent arid autumns had made it almost impossible to raise gardens in that season.

Tender, young vegetables that have made rapid growth are more easily canned, give a better product and there is less spoilage.

Since greens can be had from the garden the greater part of the year, it is not advisable to can great quantities of them.

It is well to can some of the spring beans for variety. Tomatoes, beets, corn, peas and carrots are favorites for canning.

Highway intersections are definite danger points. Last month, seventy-two automobile accidents occurred at intersections on the state-maintained system. Four of these were fatal accidents.

What Every Metropolitan Policyholder Should Know about his Company

Metropolitan presents its Business Report for the year ending December 31, 1939. (In accordance with the Annual Statement filed with the New York State Insurance Department.)

ASSETS WHICH ASSURE FULFILLMENT OF OBLIGATIONS

National Government Securities		$1,015,938,914.60
U. S. Government	$948,082,869.84	
Canadian Government	67,856,044.76	
Other Bonds		1,882,379,020.85
U. S. State & Municipal	110,055,727.87	
Canadian Provincial & Municipal	103,823,959.75	
Railroad	573,665,903.43	
Public Utilities	689,740,113.65	
Industrial & Miscellaneous	405,093,316.15	
Stocks (All but $22,561.13 are Preferred or Guaranteed.)		86,624,833.01
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate		953,658,650.07
Farms	76,890,988.22	
Other property	876,767,661.85	
Loans on Policies		515,495,459.26
Real Estate Owned (Includes real estate for Company use, and housing projects.)		407,215,594.74
Cash		132,667,027.52
Premiums Outstanding and Deferred		87,666,343.58
Interest Due and Accrued, etc.		60,340,337.46
TOTAL		$5,141,986,181.09

OBLIGATIONS TO POLICYHOLDERS, BENEFICIARIES, AND OTHERS

Policy Reserves required by law (Amount which, with interest and future premiums, will assure payment of policy claims.)	$4,493,833,205.00
Dividends to Policyholders (Set aside for payment during the year 1940.)	112,999,638.00
Reserve for Future Payments on Supplementary Contracts	112,986,146.83
Held for Claims (Including claims awaiting completion of proof and estimated amount of unreported claims.)	22,931,579.79
Other Policy Obligations (Including reserves for Accident and Health Insurance, dividends left with Company, premiums paid in advance, etc.)	42,377,943.67
Miscellaneous Liabilities (Liabilities not included above, such as taxes due or accrued, special reserves, etc.)	47,140,101.00
TOTAL OBLIGATIONS	$4,832,268,614.29
Surplus (This serves as a margin of safety, a cushion against contingencies which cannot be foreseen.)	309,717,566.80
TOTAL	$5,141,986,181.09

NOTE—Assets carried at $221,390,536.99 in the above statement are deposited with various public officials under requirements of law or regulatory authority. Canadian business embraced in this statement is reported on basis of par of exchange.

TEN YEARS OF PROGRESS

Highlights of Metropolitan's growth and stability over the past decade

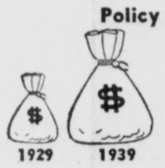
Insurance in Force



1929 1939

Life Insurance
1929 . . $17,933,000,000
1939 . . $23,193,000,000
Accident & Health Insurance Weekly Indemnity
1929 . . . . $13,928,000
1939 . . . . $19,894,000

Policy Reserves



1929 1939

1929 . . . $2,659,000,000
1939 . . . $4,493,000,000
Funds held, as required by law, to assure payments to policyholders.

Payments



1929 1939

1929 . . . . $335,000,000
1939 . . . . $604,000,000
Funds paid or credited to policyholders and their beneficiaries.

After fulfilling all its contractual obligations (including payment of over $4,260,000,000 to policyholders and beneficiaries) over the 10-year period of adverse economic conditions from 1929 through 1939, Metropolitan

1. . . . added to its contingency reserve, or surplus, as an extra safety factor, more than . $132,000,000

2. . . . strengthened the basis of its policy reserves to the extent of 45,000,000

3. . . . made expenditures to improve properties acquired through foreclosure, without increasing their valuation 25,000,000

4. . . . reduced the valuation of securities and real estate as carried on its books, by more than 216,000,000

5. . . . expended on health and welfare work for policyholders more than 58,000,000

$ 476,000,000

6. *YET, over this same 10-year period, and in addition to the above, Metropolitan also paid or credited to its policyholders almost one billion dollars in dividends* 992,000,000

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BY JAMES K. HUTSELL

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Through all the tribulations and the years, some people run on like a clock in a thunder storm. It was that way with the stout old Scotsman whom Springfield lost the other day — old Arch McGregor... Mr. Arch bossed Springfield; it did what he told it to do, and Springfield didn't mind admitting it. He had been about that bossing for fifty years.

Arch McGregor literally bumped into Springfield seventy-five years ago in a big wagon. He was 10 years old. His stern old Iowa daddy had come to Springfield because he thought he saw the makings of a good hardware business there. And John McGregor had some ideas about what he wanted his Archie to do, too.

As soon as the public schools opened after the Civil War, he stuck Archie in school. When Drury College was founded in 1873, Archie McGregor was the second student to be registered. At 18, he went to work for his father's company traveling the Ozark hills on horseback and carrying a pricebook written in his own hand. That book was the McGregor Hardware Company's first catalog.

Arch married the neighbor's pretty daughter, Harriet, a few years later. They celebrated their golden anniversary last fall. Harriet was great on the society stuff. Arch didn't give a hoot for it. But it worked this way: Arch and Harriet complemented each other on a highly successful partnership. Arch didn't have any interests other than business and the civic development of Springfield. That latter interest didn't take him into politics though. It had done that for his father. John McGregor had been mayor, president of the school board, all the rest. Arch worked it a different way. He just sat in his St. Louis Street Store—but somehow it got around what it was that Arch wanted done. Never in his life did he hold an elective public office. He didn't have to.

He has been credited — and probbaly justly—with being the father of road improvement in the Ozarks. He organized (from his background office) the region's chambers of commerce, its manufacturer's associations its colleges, its community and relief drives, and its fairs.

Fairs . . . that brings up something funny about Arch McGregor. He hated politics, and oil stocks, and cigarettes (though he had his own specially-made cigars), and fishing, and liquor (he never took a drink in his life), travel—even business trips. But he did like fairs and bands. He went to Chicago's Century of Progress both summers it was held, and spent entire afternoons following a Scottish band over the grounds, just to hear it play.

Springfield lost another prominent citizen two days later. We record it because of the sentimental newspaper yarn it involves. Edson K. Bixby, editor of the Springfield News and Leader-Press, lay fatally ill at his home on the day that Arch McGregor died. Rather than let the editor know of the passing of Mr. McGregor and of another of his friends recorded in the same Friday edition, the managing editor went to the complicated effort of printing a special edition of the newspaper—an edition of but one copy, with the story of those deaths omitted. Editor Bixby read the edition that evening, the last paper he ever saw.

A $214.88 share in the estate of a Johnson County man who died in 1921—a share unclaimed by a niece when the estate was divided—brings up again the strange story of one of the nation's strangest railway disasters. The missing niece, Mrs. Myra D. Moore and her 10-year-old son, were last heard of when they took a train from Salt Lake City for Idaho. What train they departed on is unknown; they never reached their destination. Shortly after the time they are believed to have left Salt Lake City, a train in Idaho was struck by an avalanche, hurled into a gorge, and buried under tons of rock and snow. The bodies never were recovered. Mrs. Moore now has been declared legally dead, and attorneys have started action in the probate court at Warrensburg to have her unclaimed share of the uncle's estate recovered from the state escheat funds, into which is placed money of persons who cannot be located. After twenty-one years, such monies of missing persons become the absolute property of the state, but before that period has elapsed they can be reclaimed.

The "Gone With the Wind" hysteria that two or three weeks ago overtook Missouri, until thousands of movie-goers from the smaller communities motored to the larger centers in such droves that highway patrolmen proclaimed the film a major traffic problem, has now abated. Not wishing to cause those hard-working gentlemen of the patrol another such series of sleepless nights, we can nevertheless not refrain from forecasting the possibility of another such problem facing them.

Jane Darwell, Palmyra Missouri's claim to film fame, has just succeeded in practically walking away with the motion-picture version of John Steinbeck's "Grapes of Wrath." As Ma Joad, Miss Darwell has finally come to the top after one of the most thanklessly rewarded careers of any veteran in the studios.

Even if the "Grapes of Wrath" production doesn't turn into a general highway problem, at least Jane Darwell's work and the wholly commendable appeal of local pride should turn Marion County's roads into the finest traffic-snarl the Palmyra area has ever had a chance to witness.

A reader came to us the other day to announce that the greatest lines of Missouri's greatest literary figure—Mark Twain—have never had the attention they deserve. He quoted, (and to please him) we quote: "I have no special regard for Satan, but I can at least respect his talents. A person who has for untold centuries maintained the imposing position of spiritual head of four-fifths of the human race and political abilities of the loftiest order. I would like to see him . . . see him and shake him by the tail!"

The New York Board of Education was nettled last week because it could not get rid of its biggest problem, even as a "fire hazard." The Board of Superintendents has balked efforts to force retirement of a 275-pound woman teacher. The teacher, who has a stiff knee and is unable to flex her wrist, has dispensed knowledge for 33 years, during which time she has been absent 1556 days—about eight teaching years—and tardy 725 times, a New York record. Said board President James Marshall, "a person who cannot walk and put on her coat without help is a fire hazard. She is bound to slow up the exit from school in case of emergency."

Whales over 90 feet long were caught in the Antarctic this season.

South American natives use a lemon-flevored grass to flavor pies.

Scientists say a sound audible to a man at four yards can be heard by a dog at about 24 yards.

Young Tom Edison

ADAPTED FROM THE Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer PICTURE

by GERTRUDE GELBIN

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Chapter One

TOM THE TINKER

Nancy Edison hurried to the window to call her husband to breakfast. The warm smile lighting her face faded as she watched Mr. Edison hitch his horse to his feed and grain wagon. She sighed. Sam Edison's expression was bleak with worry. She knew why. Money troubles. Sam took their financial difficulties to heart!

If only he could comfort himself in the knowledge that the family was in good health; that Bill, their oldest, was doing creditably by his job in Fraser; that the other two were fine children, even if young Tom was constantly getting into trouble, and even if his little sister Tannie did continually follow his lead.

She opened the window. "Breakfast's ready, Sam," she called.

"Children up yet?" he asked.

She nodded. "I'll call them again, though." She hurried off to the door leading from the hall to the cellar. She opened it and peered downwards. "Tom!"

There was no answer.

Young Tom Edison was too engrossed in work in the cellar that served as his laboratory to hear his mother.

A work bench sufficed to hold the telegraph mechanism, the jars, batteries, wire and tools which were his toys. A battered old desk, littered with bits of paper and drawings, leaned against the wall beneath a shelf filled with bottles, each one of which bore the impressive warning: "POISON!"

Tom, at the moment, was standing near the door opening from cellar to outside yard, in the flood of morning light. In one hand he held a Leydn Jar battery; in the other a bottle of sulphuric acid.

"TOM!"

The boy started as his mother's voice sounded sharply from upstairs.

"Yes, mother?" he answered hastily, putting battery and bottle down on the work table.

Nancy Edison smiled. He must have been "experimenting" again. That's why he hadn't answered her first call. "You'd better wake Tannie," she shouted cheerfully. "She'll be late for school."

Tom nodded and reached out his hand toward the wall from which dangled two pieces of rope. He twitched one sharply.

Upstairs, in her bed, Tannie lay sleeping. Her right foot protruded from the bed clothes. A string was tied to her big toe.

The string jerked in lively fashion and she sat upright. For a moment she blinked her eyes, unaware of her whereabouts. The string jerked a second time and brought her to. She rolled over to the side of her bed and picked up a huge funnel attached to a rubber hose that came up through the floor.

"Alright, Tom," she cried into the funnel. "I'm awake."

The toe-string stopped jerking. Tannie yawned and shivered slightly. "Tom!" she called once more into the funnel. "Tom, it's cold. Put down the window."

In the cellar, Tom, holding a similar funnel and hose device, made answer. "I can't close the window, Tannie. The closer isn't fixed right — "

"Well I won't get up till you do," Tannie's voice answered back.

"Alright, I'll try it," he replied.

He reached for the second rope hanging from the wall, and pulled it.

Outside the house, Sam Edison put the finishing touches to his horse and wagon. Suddenly, a pane of glass crashed from Tannie's bedroom, sprinkling the ground about him with flying pieces.

"Tannie!" he roared. "Why can't you be more careful."

Tannie looked out of the window, her face lined with dismay. At the same moment, Tom's head and shoulders appeared at the cellar door.

"What happened?" he asked, his expression one of startled annoyance.

"What happened!" shouted Mr. Edison. "Can't you see what happened? Tannie broke the window."

"Oh!" Tom eyed the ground ruefully. "She didn't break it, Father, I did."

"You?" stormed his father. "Why you were in the cellar — "

"I did it just the same," Tom explained. "You see I pull a string down here and it closes the window up there. I must have pulled it too hard."

"It never occurred to you that the broken glass might have hit someone?" Mr. Edison questioned sternly. "That it might have cut someone badly?"

Tom shook his head. "No, sir, it didn't."

Mr. Edison's mouth set in a hard line. "Come in to breakfast," he ordered curtly

"Yes, sir."

Tom disappeared into the darkness of the cellar and ran up the stairs.

Mr. Edison strode into the house and took his place at the table, ignoring the cheerful greeting of his wife and their elder son, Bill. In a few minutes, Tom and Tannie tip-toed into the room and slid into their chairs. The family ate in silence.

Mr. Edison put down his spoon. "I haven't enough on my shoulders without paying for broken windows!" He glared at Tom. "Any other father would warm your pants."

Nobody offered any comment.

"Am I right?" he demanded sharply.

"Well — " began Tom.

"Don't interrupt!" he shouted.

Nancy Edison threw her son a warning glance. "I'm sure he's sorry, Sam," she said softly. "After all, it was an accident — "

Her husband smoldered as he set himself for a reply. Bill forestalled the storm by jumping up from his seat. "Nearly train time—" he observed. He bent over and kissed his mother. An understanding look passed between them. Bill had saved Tom a licking by his quick change of subject. "Goodbye, Mom — "

"Goodbye, Bill," she smiled. "Take care of yourself — "

He nodded. "Goodbye, sir," he beamed at his father. "And don't worry about anything — I'll take care of things over at Fraser — "

As he made for the door, Mrs. Edison followed up her advantage. "Hurry, Tom — hurry Tannie — you'll be late for school — "

Tannie got up quickly and tugged her brother's arm. "Come on Tom — we're late — "



"Another father would warm his pants."

As Tom scrambled to his feet, his sleeve caught in the pitcher of milk and turned it over on the table.

His father half rose in his chair, his face clouding with anger; but Mrs. Edison restrained him.

Tom stared at the spilt milk for a moment then backed away from the table, upsetting a chair. With a half-frightened look at his father and a quick smile at his mother, he bolted from the room.

"Tom — your books — " his mother called after him.

The boy darted back, seized his books, and rushed out.

Sam Edison's mouth closed tightly and he shook his head in exasperation. "That boy is a real problem, Nancy."

She looked at him sharply. "Everytime you wake up with a cramp, Sam Edison, you take it out on Tom."

"I haven't a cramp," he protested. "You pamper him too much — "

She busied herself wiping up the milk Tom had spilt. "Tom's different from the others," she observed quietly.

"That's what I'm worried about," he answered grimly. "He has that Yankee trait of tinkering with useless things — like the window upstairs; like that telegraph wire that old man Dingle hurt his leg on. Maybe you remember that cost us eleven dollars — "

Nancy Edison watched him shrewdly, waiting for the right moment to interrupt.

"Nancy," he continued, "you're too easy with that boy. If you're not careful he'll be no good to himself nor anybody else."

A smile lit her eyes, but she concealed it under lowered lids. "Maybe you're right, Sam," she said humbly. "You're wiser than I am."

Sam Edison shot a quick glance at his wife. "Now, Nancy," he said cautiously, "when you agree with me so easily, it makes me think I'm wrong — "

"No, no," she replied hastily. "No, truly, Sam. I'll handle the boy just as you say. After all — you're his father — you do know how he should be handled — "

Edison's grim look gave way to a smile. He rose from his chair and crossed over to his wife, kissing her lightly on the cheek. "Nancy Edison," he grinned, "you're a faker."

Mrs. Edison's face brightened. As long as her Sam grinned everything was alright; and everything would be all right — even the endless problems brought on by Tom could be smoothed out to please his severest critic, his father.

What is Tom's next escapade? Can Nancy Edison right it for him with his dad? Read tomorrow's chapter.

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Safetygrams

BY FRED W. BRAUN

The Safety Man



Several times, in this column, I have asked certain questions pertaining to safe driving. Some of the editors have felt that this type of information is valuable and interesting.

The question today is: During any one hour period, when are automobile accidents most frequent?

There have been some wild guesses on this, but statistics show that the hour between 5 and 6 p. m. is the danger hour for accidents. This is due to several things. In a congested or metropolitan area, people on their way home from work, take unnecessary chances in hurrying through heavy traffic. On long trips, the average person becomes tired at dusk and, therefore, coming darkness together with fatigue, are responsible for many accidents.

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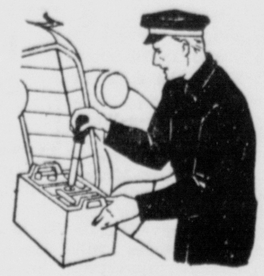
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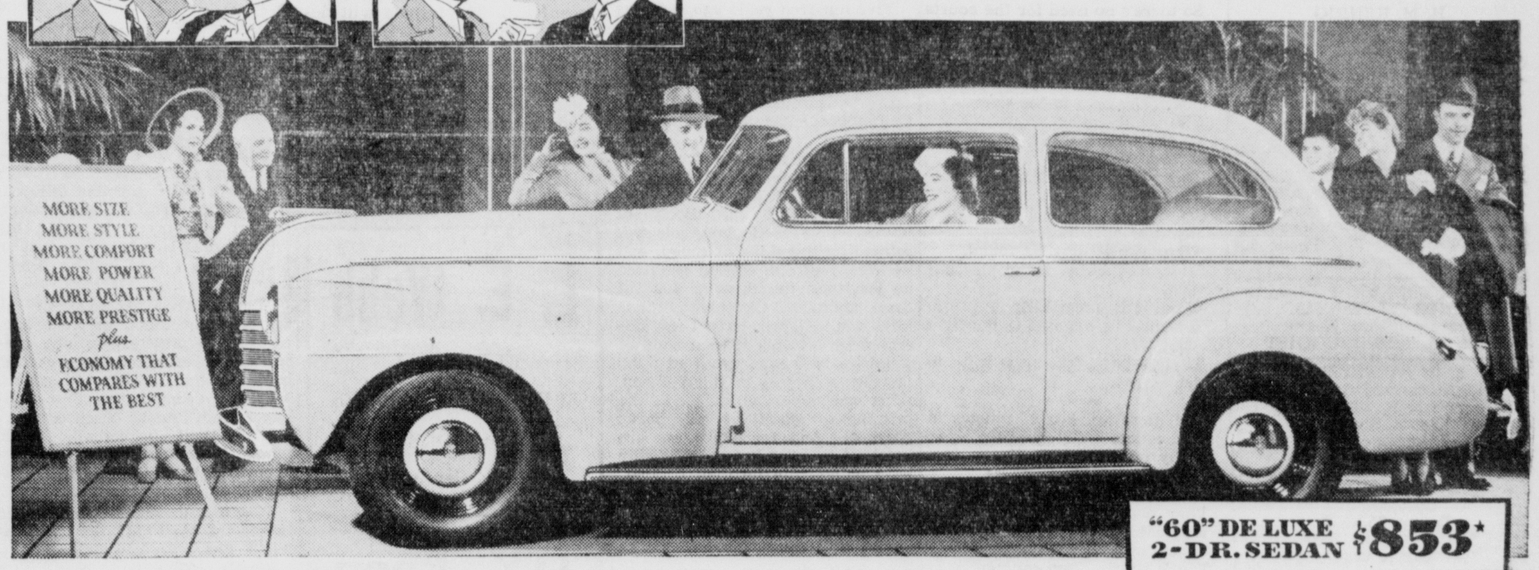
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Walter Ancell has placed his announcement fee on the barrel head and his name has been placed in the list of patriots who wish to offer themselves on the sacrificial altar. He is asking for a second term as Constable and points to his record as a reason why he should be given another term.

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"Trailer Vagabond," written by Warren Bayley, who travels about the country visiting the different points of interest, will be published weekly in the Twice-a-Week Sikeston Standard commencing with today. This travel series is made possible by Kirk-McCoy Hardware Co. Readers will find it to their interest to follow this "Trailer Vagabond" travel series each week, for the articles will take them to strange, interesting and prominent places in the United States, Canada and Mexico. Later the series of articles are to be published in book form with 10 pictures illustrating each article and made available for those desiring this type of travel book.

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Bankers of the Nation who are continually flaying the Roosevelt administration need to remember that it is only since the New Deal that their fear of the bank examiner's visit has practically disappeared.

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If the New Deal is not good enough, what does the G. O. P. have to offer in its place? To merely change parties would be of no avail—the people still remember conditions in previous Republican years. The country is ready and willing to swap the New Deal for a better one—let let the G. O. P. come forward with its plans and speak out in meeting.

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Highway employees were notified last Thursday that they must keep out of politics. In about two more years, if this mania for outlawing political activities continues, it will be a misdemeanor to belong to a political party. And, believe it or not, all the righteous indignation against party workers is being voiced by office-holders who would have remained in private life except for men who hustled up the votes which elected them. No democracy can function without workers. All this hurrah about promoting pure politics by depriving jobholders of their right to take part in political campaigns sounds good, but it really doesn't mean anything.—Paris Appeal.

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The thing that is agitating the two newspapers of Sikeston is how come the printing of the ballots to be given to a sundown cutthroat office when the proprietor is a member of the City Council, which is against the law of averages.

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FROM THE SHOULDER

—By James G. Stahlman

A thin-skinned Judge in St. Louis has fined and sentenced the editor and the cartoonist of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

On a charge of contempt.

That's the favorite resort of the judiciary

When a fearless press,
Champion of a people's right to the Truth,
Publishes the Truth,
In News,
In Editorial Comment,
In Cartoon.

That's the duty of every decent newspaper,
Regardless of political affiliation,
Personal friendship
Or what-have-you.
That's what constitutes freedom of the press.
The phrase doesn't mean a publisher's right to print anything he pleases.
It does mean the right of the citizen
To have the Truth
Through the printed word,
About everything pertaining to his welfare.
Political,
Judicial,
Economic,
Social.

It is the duty of the newspaper
To print the Truth,
Whether it reflects upon the courts,
The clergy,
The laity,
The business man,
The hoodlum,
The crook,
The thief,
The bum,
The country-clubber,
The hod carrier,
The Governor,
The Sheriff,
The Mayor,
The Attorney-General,
The tax collector,
The high-up,
Or the low-down.

So there's no need for the courts to get touchy
When a newspaper has guts enough to protest injustice,
When the protest is in the interest of the man in the street,
The white-collar lad,
Or the bird with the Prince Albert and spats.
They're all the same,
Or Should Be,
In the eyes of the law.
Injustice is Injustice
Wherever it may be found.
It is frequently found in our courts.
When it is unearthed,
It should be exposed to the light of day.
That's what a free press is for in a democracy.

But there are lots of fellows in public office,
Many on the bench,
Many in private business.
Who can't stand "publicity."
They can't take it,
When it happens to them.
That's when they yelp.
That's when they squirm.
That's when the courts resort to contempt proceedings.
That's when the rights of free men
To a Free Press,
Are jeopardized.

When the American citizen is denied access to the Truth
Through the printed word,
On the air,
On the screen,
In the forum.
Then democracy becomes a fraud,
A sham,
A snare
And a delusion.
That's when we're headed for tyranny.
That's when liberty heads for the doghouse.

I don't know anything about the merits of the Post-Dispatch case.

I do know that the most ardent champions of the people.

It is a liberal newspaper.

It believes in preservation of civil liberties.

It isn't going to be swerved from its duty to the public
By any citations for contempt,
By any fines,
By any jail sentences.
It isn't going to take that sort of stuff lying down.
Old Joe Pulitzer wouldn't have done it.
His son and namesake won't.
Neither will the rest of the P.-D. crowd.
They're real newspaper men.
They live up to their obligations.
They know their rights.
They know the rights of the American citizen,
Guaranteed to him
Under the Federal Constitution.
The P.-D. boys won't stop short of every test
Of those rights.
And it's my guess,
They won't be wrong.

Courts,
Tyrants,
Dictators,
Have tried before to throttle the American press.
They haven't been successful, so far.
The Supreme Court has always held for The People.
That's what they'll do this trip,
Unless I miss my guess.

The four Old Men
And the five New Men
Still know their law.
I don't think they'll fail the people,
For it's the right of the people
Which is involved
In the Post-Dispatch case,
Not the power,
Or the pique,
Or the whim,
Or the venom
Of a particular Judge.
I'll lay my money on the Post-Dispatch.—Nashville Banner.

52 Registered For Scout Camp

Cape Girardeau, Mo. — The Southeast Missouri area council, Boy Scouts of America, announced today that 52 registrations had been received for Camp Lewallen.

Staff members are Randall Britton, Cape Girardeau, camp director; John Middleton, Cape Girardeau, cook; L. R. Seabaugh, Jackson; Duane Deen, Chaffee; Joe Bob Cockran and Marvin Strunk, Cape Girardeau; Joe Cash, Kennett; and Fraysher Ferguson, Fredericktown, who will direct the water front and act as assistant camp director.

Next Monday has been set as the deadline for receiving registrations for Lewallen and the Wilderness and Don Beard camps.

IT WAS PAPER THAT MADE PRINTING REVOLUAIONARY

Five hundred years ago, printing was invented. Therefore there will be much celebrating this year, opines "The Pleasures of Publishing" — sparking literary causerie, published weekly by Columbia University Press. But hark:

"The name we have decided to honor is Gutenberg. The reason? Probably the 42-line Bible which is in all respect the Book of Books. This particular book was printed on the skins of sheep, and each copy of one edition required no less than the skins of 300 of these animals. Obviously mankind would never have been liberated by printnig if each copy of a fair-sized book required the sacrifice of twenty or thirty sheep.

"It was paper which made the printing of quantities of books possible. And for paper, we are indebted to what has so childishly been called 'the heathen Chinee.' Paper had been invented in China by the year 105 of our era. Its journey westward over the silk routes to Europe required more than a thousand years.

"By all means let us celebrate the five hundredth anniversary of the invention of printing—in Europe. But let us look also at Thomas Carter's classic contribution, "The Invention of Printing in China and its Spread Westward,' and remind ourselves that not only did the Chinese invent the paper that made it possible for printing to become more than an esoteric pastime, but also that "the heathen Chinee' were printing from seals 200 years before the birth of Christ. In the year 175, even, they were engraving on stone and pulling a form of lithographic print from it—rubbings, they were called. . . Ink? The Chinese had that before Christ."

Standard $2.00 per year.

Debaters 4th in Meet

High school debaters finished fourth on a percentage basis in the annual tournament of the Missouri High School Debating League, sponsored by the University of Missouri, at Columbia Saturday.

The girls' affirmative team won its first debate from Maryville Colelge high by a ten-point margin out lost its second to West Plains by a five points.

Rockhurst high of Kansas City and Springfield high took two debates from the boys' negative team by five-point margins.

Four teams in hte tourney had better win and loss records than Sikeston Rockhurst won first place and Springfield second in the tourney wheih was the final eliminations of the seanon in which 219 teams started.

Coach and Mrs. Garland Parker accompanied the debaters to Columbia Friday and returned with them Sunday.

The girls' team was composed of Betty Lou Barger, Mary Emma Donnell and the boys' team, C. D. Butler and William Marsh.

Enumerating Job Moving Smoothly Here

How old are you?

What's your income?

Census enumerators, who wind up a week's work here today, reported no reluctance on the part of the Sikeston public to answer such posers as those.

While they are sworn to secrecy on all details of the question and answer job, they volunteered that the work was going forward smoothly.

Supervisor W. G. Wicker said at Cape Girardeau that the nose counters had done an unbelievable amount of work during the first week in his 10-county district.

He said that the staff was weary but had learned the ins and outs and will really get down to the task next week.

None has reported that he has his enumerating nearly done and he predicted a number would require 30 days to finish their districts.

CLOSE GYM CLASS

Gym classes for business men have closed for the season. The classes were held at the high school gymnasium through the winter months by Edwin Hartford, principal of the south grade school, and Teacher Thurman Travelstead of the Bailey school in charge. As many as 35 attended some of the classes.

TRACK TRYOUTS

Tryouts for positions on the high school track squad will be run off today, Coach Vernon Green said. The tryouts will determine who will represent the school in an invitational meet at Charleston Thursday.

Poor Japan; She has succeeded in convincing herself that she has licked China, but she is getting nowhere in her efforts to convince China.

Church Meet To Draw 150

Approximately 150 degegates expected to attend the final St. Louis district Methodist missionary conference of the southern church here today, tomorrow and Thursday.

This afternoon's session will be held at the Christian church instead of the Methodist church because of funeral services to be held there for C. C. White. The Tuesday night and other assemblies will be held at the Methodist church.

Among those to address the gathering will be Bishop J. C. Broomfield of the Missouri area of the Methodist church and Rabbi Ferdinand M. Isserman, Temple Israel, St. Louis.

Boy's Eye Is Hurt by Pole

A fishpole with which he and a companion were playing Sunday caused a painful injury for Bradford Shain, seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shain.

The child was hurt when the pole, thrown by his brother, Billy, struck him in the eye. A tear duct and the lower lid of the right eye were cut by the blow. His vision was not affected.

Bradford was taken to the St. Francis hospital at Cape Girardeau, where he will remain for five days.

Release Youth Held For Army

Release of Douglas Robert Sims, 24, from the Benton county jail Saturday was announced today by Trooper John Tandy. The youth, who officers reported admitted desertion from the U. S. Army post at Fort McClellan, Ala., had been in custody several days.

His release came after Army officials notified authorities here that they did not want him and would not send for him.

Mrs. Norah Grabendyke has gone to Los Angeles, Calif., to visit relatives for a month.

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MAKE PROGRESS IN FSA PROJECTS

Progress in surveying projects, getting contours and locations for group housing projects in seven counties of Southeast Missouri was reported today by the district engineers office of the Farm Security Administration. The counties are Scott, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Stoddard, Dunklin and Butler.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Moody had as dinner guests Sunday night, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Inman and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Glass of Cape Girardeau and Miss Marydelle Moneymaker of Eddyville, Ky.

The Chevrolet division of General Motors Corporation announces that retail sales in January and February of this year were 44.6 per cent greater than for the like period of 1939. Since the start of the 1940 model season last October slightly more than 600,000 units has been produced by the division.

WANT ADS

FOR RENT—2 unfurnished rooms. Mrs. Rosa Morrow, 407 Wilson. tf-59

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BEDROOM — Close in. Private. Steam heat. 305 N. Ranney. 2t-59p

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Water Hyacinths and large Gold Fish for pools. Phone 501. Woehlecke, the Florist. 2t-59

WANTED— TO BUY—Cash paid for used furniture to be rebuilt and sold by Suvers Used Furniture Store. Phone 171. tf-59

LOST—Bunch of keys. Return to Farmer's Cafe, 217 E. Malone and receive reward. 1t-59

FOR RENT — Furnished rooms. 414 Prosperity. tf-59

IF YOUR CHILD'S TEETH ARE in good condition, there is much less chance of contracting diptheria, measles, scarlet fever or other diseases of children. This fact has been established by actual records. Visit a dentist at least three times a year. 1t-59

IS IT FAIR TO BE CALLED from your household activities by an uninvited stranger whose only purpose is to sell you something that will make him a profit? How often has this happened to you? 1t-59

FOR SALE—Four choice building lots on William Street. David Blanton. Phone 473. 4t-56F

FOR RENT — 2-room furnished apartment, modern. 214 Dorothy, Phone 565. tf-51

WANTED — Signs, upholstering, refinishing work to do. Phone 171, Guy E. Suvers. tf-17

FOR RENT—Newly decorated office rooms in the Milem Building. Phone 178. tf-58

ROOM FOR RENT—Modern, private bath. 247 N. Ranney. tf-57

FOR RENT—4 unfurnished rooms. 241 Kathleen Ave. tf-51

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FOR RENT—Modern furnished apartment. Mrs. J. H. Tyer, Phone 404. tf-55

FOR RENT—2 office rooms over North Kroger; also 3-room unfurnished apartment back of Cities Service Station. tf-57

FOR RENT — 2-room furnished apartment. Mrs. J. W. Schroff. Phone 102. 1t-57

FOR RENT—2 furnished rooms for light housekeeping. 224 S. Kingshighway, Phone 104. Mrs. A. A. Mayfield. tf-58

LIGHT HOUSEKEEPING ROOMS Board and Room or Rooms by day or night, 50c. Phone 902. tf-58

Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, Lula Sparks, Administratrix of the estate of Richard Sparks, deceased, will make final settlement of his accounts with said estate as such Administratrix at the next term of the Probate Court of Scott County, Missouri, to be holden at Benton in said county, on the 6th day of May, A. D. 1940.

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Father, Son Accused in $100,000 Advance Fire

Bloomfield, April 6.—W. C. Barnett, 55, and his son, David Barnett, 22, of Advance were held in the Stoddard County jail here today facing charges of arson in connection with the $100,000 fire which destroyed the Stoddard County Milling Co. plant at Advance last Sunday night.

The Father and son, who have been barbers at Advance a number of years and who have not previously been in serious trouble waived a preliminary hearing Friday afternoon and in lieu of $2500 bond each was remanded to jail, to await disposal of the case in Circuit Court.

Prosecuting Attorney Henry Cain said that shortly after the suspects were taken into custody Thursday night they gave written statements about the burning of the big building.

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He said the investigation apparently is completed. The state probably will attempt to prove in court, he said, that a fire was set in the building by David Barnett, and that this was done at the instigation of the father.

Investigating officers, including Deputy Sheriff Clyde Alexander, said at least one of the two suspects apparently had some sort of "complex" as to fires which probably led to the crime . A chance remark made recently at Advance gave rise to the investigation, which was quickly worked out after Thursday night.

Upon conviction, the suspects would stand to be sentenced to from 2 to 10 years in state prison. The charge was filed before Justice Pres Hearn of Bloomfield.

The heavy loss was only partially covered by insurance, Mr. Cain said.

There were two other serious fires at Advance this year, but the suspects deny they knew anything of their cause.

County Agent Urges Care In Melon Growing

New Madrid, Mo.—One of the most popular varieties of watermelons in Southeast Missouri is the Dixie Queen, the round white-seeded striped variety which produces melons in about 95 days. County Agent Herlinger recommends the following practices:

Use the best seed from the best source available.

Treat all seed with an organic mercury dust to control seed rotting and such seed-borne diseases as anthracnose, damping off, etc.

Poison field mice with poisoned wheat or oats 7 to 10 days before planting time.

Make at least 2 planting—the first between April 10 and 15, the second within one week after the first planting. Plant 3 to 7 seeds per hill.

Control insect pests. The first dusting should be done as soon as the melons crack the ground. For best results melons should be dusted right after every rain, and at least weekly between rains until danger from insect damage is past.

Thin hill to two vines per hill when the vines have 4 leaves. When vines are about 2 feet long thin to one vine per hill.

Cultivate frequently enough to prevent practically all weed growth. When moving vines be careful to prevent rolling or twisting of vines, then restore vines to original position.

The formula for the recommended field mice poison is as follows: Laundry starch, 1 teaspoonful; Strychnine Alluloid, ⅛ ounce; Baking Soda, 1 teaspoonful; Corn sirup, ¼ pint; Wheat or oats, 2 quarts. Dissolve the starch in ½ cup of cold water. Add ½ cup boiling water. Dissolve soda in ¼ cup cold water. Dissolve Strychnine in ¼ cup hot water. Stir all of the above ingredients together, add sirup, and stir well. Pour mixture over the grain, and stir until the grain is thoroughly coated.

Place a rounding teaspoonful of poisoned grain in a tin can and mash the can almost closed, leaving an opening large enough so that only mice can enter.

When poisoned bait is so handled birds, chickens, etc. will not ordinarily come in contact with the poison. Extreme care should be taken not to leave any of the poison mixture where children or domestic animals and fowls may get to it.

Twenty to 25 cans of poison per acre are considered sufficient by most watermelon growers.

To the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Heinrich in Sandoval, Ill., a physician raced with the stork. He lost. But it didn't matter. When he arrived at the Heinrichs' so had a bouncing son and the heroine was a young woman who had acted successfully as midwife. "Are you a nurse?" the doctor asked. "No, just a census taker," replied the woman as she added the new arrival to her census list and earned an extra 4 cents.

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PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Wallace visited in Fredericktown over the week end.

J. L. Sutterfield spent Saturday and Sunday in Farmington and West Fork, Mo.

Mrs. E. C. Flint of St. Louis was the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. J. Welsh over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Dace had as week end guests, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Watson of Cairo, Ill.

Water Hyacinths and Large Gold Fish for pools. Phone 501. Woehlecke, the Florist.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rafferty spent the week end with relatives in Cape Girardeau and Jackson.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ford at their home near Brown Spur, Friday evening.

Mrs. Paul E. Brewer has as her house guest this week, Miss Mary Elizabeth Schulte of Farmington.

Marvin Rayburn, a student at Washington University, St. Louis spent the week end here with his parents.

Virgil Suvers has returned to Sikeston and has entered the used furniture business with his brother, Guy.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kelly of East Alton, Ill., visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Wood last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Buchanan spent last Thursday in Golconda, Ill., with the former's brothers, Louis and W. R. Buchanan.

Miss Frances Ann Sitzes has returned home after finishing a business course at Miss Hickey's Secretarial Training School in St. Louis.

Joe Tatum Cason of Henderson, Tenn., returned to his home Saturday after a visit here with his uncle, B. B. Tatum, and Mrs. Tatum.

Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Throgmorton had as their guests Saturday, the former's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Barnett of West Frankfort, Ill.

Mrs. Burl Heath will have as a guest this week, Mrs. L. P. Lumsden of Caruthersville, who will be a delegate to the Missionary Conference.

Miss Martha Stokely of Cairo, Ill., was a guest in the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Childress over the week end.

Miss Nell Yanson, Miss Bonita Hedden and Miss Jewell Mouser, teachers at the Bailey School, made an inspection of schools in St. Louis last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Henry and two daughters, Lenora Jean and Maude Ellen of St. Louis were week end guests of Mrs. Henry's sister, Mrs. Ray Duncan and Mr. Duncan.

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Mrs. Paul Bumbarger arrived Sunday night from Memphis, Mo., to join Mr. Bumbarger, who is filling the position of reporter on the Standard Staff, during the absence of Ed Edelen.

Miss Ruth Bateman returned Sunday night from St. Louis where she had accompanied her father, H. H. Bateman, who sustained an operation at Missouri Baptist Hospital Saturday morning.

Mrs. Ben Carroll and daughter, Miss Flavia, Mrs. J. T. Singleton Jr., and Miss Elizabeth Bloomfield visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Hulen in St. Louis Saturday night and Sunday.

DOGWOOD IN THE SPRINGTIME



According to the National Wildlife Federation, another native American not always properly appreciated by his countrymen, but regarded by Europeans as one of the most ornamental trees in the world, is the Flowering Dogwood. However, it is the showiest of all spring flowering trees in and eastward of the plains states and is a native of the woods from Massachusetts to Florida, west to Ontario and Texas.

The real flowers of the Dogwood are produced in inconspicuous small terminal heads. These are surrounded by petal-like bracts, which almost cover the horizontal spreading branches and make the tree seem to float in the soft spring air.

Artist Leslie Ragan has caught the very essence of its magic in this painting for the new 1940 series of Wildlife Poster Stamps issued by the Federation.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bud Schrader visited their parents in Cape Girardeau last week end.

Mrs. Ernest Hedden spent the week end in St. Louis with her daughter, Miss Edna Hedden.

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Miss Virginia Williams visited friends and relatives in St. Louis over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. John Powell and Mrs. M. G. Gresham spent Friday in St. Louis.

Dr. B. F. Blanton and Mrs. Blanton are in Hattiesburg, Miss., the guests of their daughter, Mrs. Larry Hatfield and family. The Doctor expects to be back in his office Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bethune had as dinner guests Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Steimle and daughter of Cape Girardeau, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dunnegan and son of Illmo and Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Rayburn.

Mrs. E. O. DeField entertained the following guests at dinner at the Palace Cafe last Thursday evening in honor of Mr. DeField's birth anniversary, Miss Mildred Jackson, Mrs. R. E. Patterson and Norval Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wagner and children visited relatives in Glen Allen and Lutesville Sunday. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Charles Rodgers and son, Bobby, who will visit in their home during the Methodist Missionary Conference.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Sikes returned Sunday after a cruise to Puerto Rico where they were guests of friends for a week. En route to New Orleans, La., where they embarked for the cruise, they stopped at Natchez, Miss., for the Garden Pilgrimage. On the return trip, they landed at Mobile, Ala.

Mrs. E. E. Ebert of Jonesburg, Mo., a former resident of Sikeston, arrived last week to visit Misses Caroline and Isabelle Hess and to attend the Methodist Missionary Conference to be held here this week. Friends of Mrs. Ebert were asked to call informally at the Hess home Friday and Saturday.

APPRECIATION

I wish to thank the friends who sent flowers to the funeral of my father, Iran McMunn last Wednesday at Malden.

Ed McMunn.

Ladies Aid To Elect Officers

The Ladies Aid Society of the Christian Church will hold an all-day meeting and covered dish luncheon at the church Thursday, April 11, at which time new officers will be elected.

Mrs. W. H. Brewer of Cape Girardeau, District President of the Christian Missionary Societies, will be present as well as representatives from Scott, New Madrid and Cape Girardeau Counties, who will form a committee to meet with Mrs. J. L. Sutterfield, Scott County Chairman, and make plans for a district meeting of the Missionary Societies to be held here in May.

J. L. Matthews, H. L. Harty and Leo Fisher departed Thursday noon for Los Angeles, Calif., on a business and pleasure trip. They will be away ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Jewell and son Judge Brown Jewell, left Thursday morning to spend 3 weeks in Hot Springs, Ark.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Tennill of Kansas City spent Monday night with Mrs. Tennill's uncle, E. G. Tipp, and family. Mr. and Mrs. Tennill were enroute to New Orleans, La.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hill and daughter, Shirley of St. Louis spent the week end with Mrs. Hill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gray. Mr. Hill returned home Monday, while Mrs. Hill and daughter remained for a longer visit.

The condition of John Simler, who has been seriously ill for the past several weeks, is reported to be improving.

With veritable truth Mr. and Mrs. Vito Wikowski of Kingston, Pa., can say they "embraked" on matrimony. Flood waters in Kingston last week made it necessary for them to go to church by boat for the wedding ceremony, which was conducted while the water steadily rose. Afterward they stepped from the church door into their boat and rowed to the bride's home for a reception.

Birth Rate Shows Gain

Jefferson City, Mo.—The birth rate for last year in Missouri was the highest recorded since 1931, according to the provisional summary of vital statistics released today by the State Health Department.

The new high rate of 16.35 per 1,000 population should be of interest to educators, sociologists and economists who have been so concerned with the decreasing birth rate and the aging population in Missouri, commented Dr. Harry F. Parker, State Health Commissioner. However, the significance to be attached to this high birth rate is limited by the provisional nature of the statistics which are based upon the total number of certificates received in the State Health Department during the year. The final tabulation probably will be slightly lower.

In only one previous year was the death rate lower than in 1939. The crude death rate of 10.67. This small increase in mortality can be attributed in the main to diseases of the older age groups, as heart disease, cerebral hemorrhage, diabetes and nephritis. Death rates from the communicable diseases were generally favorable showing improvement in typhoid fever, measles, scarlet fever, whooping cough, diptheria, pulmonary tuberculosis and others.

The leading causes of death for 1939 with the rates per 100,000 population were reported as follows: Heart disease 265.22, cancer 126.17, nephritis 107.55, cerebral hemorrhage 89.20, pneumonia 74.96, all accidents 68.96, and all forms of tuberculosis 45.65.

New low records were also established for infant and maternal mortality rates. Provisional returns for 1939 show an infant rate of 43.48 per 1,000 live births against the previous low of 51.07 in 1938 and a maternal mortality rate of 3.42 against the 1938 low of 3.82.

The State Health Commissioner pointed out that while the above improvements indicate encouraging results of the expanding public health program in Missouri, the mortality rates are still far above the minimum toward which his department is striving.

"Nor do low mortality rates always portray the true state of a people's health," he said. "Many diseases and abnormalities are present among the people of this and every other state which do not kill but do disable and cause much suffering. As the result of a restricted diet made necessary by economic distress, rickets, scurvy, pellagra and other deficiency diseases once so rare are fairly common now. These diseases seldom cause death but seriously cripple individuals, particularly children, and frequently doom them to a life of disability. The Health Department is concerned as much with these conditions as with mortality rates."

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our thanks to all people who were so kind to us in our loss of our dear mother, sister and grandmother, Mrs. Maggie Chambers. We are especially grateful to Rev. Transue and Rev. Pulliam for their words of comfort, to the flower girls, pall bearers and for the beautiful flowers and to Welsh Funeral Parlor for their kind service.

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Now Therefore, in commemoration of his long useful and charitable life in our community, I hereby request that all business houses close from 2 p. m. to 3 p. m. on the 9th day of April, 1940 in order that all our citizens may pay their last respects to our departed friend.

Dr. G. W. H. Presnell
Mayor, City of Sikeston

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COUNTY 4-H ACHIEVEMENT DAY IN SCOTT COUNTY

Saturday, April 20, from 10:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m., was set by the 4-H County Council as the day for the Scott County 4-H Achievement. The meeting will be held at the Community Building in Benton.

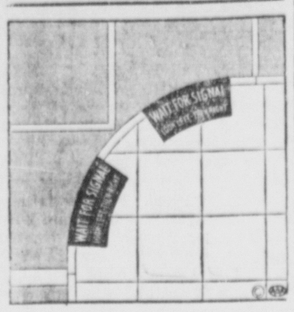
The program for the day will consist of demonstration and judging from all the clubs. Those groups that have clothing will put on a style revue. The clubs that have Health and First Aid or Health and Sanitation, will select, previous to the day, a boy and a girl for the health contest. All club members will bring something for the exhibit. Community singing will start the sessions and special numbers will add variety to the program. The judges will be out of county people. A talk explaining further opportunities for 4-H club members, will be given.

A picnic lunch supplied by the group at the noon hour will provide a splendid opportunity to become acquainted. A wider acquaintanceship broadens the field of opportunities and possibilities for youth, as well as adults.

Any one the least bit interested in the development of young people is urged to attend.

Pedestrian Protection

Reminders for Errant Walkers



PAVEMENT SIGNS: Warning and guide signs are accepted traffic control devices for vehicle drivers. Many communities now are installing signs to remind errant pedestrians to "Wait for Signal, Look Left, Then Right," or to "Cross Only at Corners," or to "Use Marked Crosswalks." These are proving effective in helping walkers avoid being struck.

Auto Club Safety Features

TO POISON FIELD MICE

Since melon and canteloupe seed are expensive why feed them to mice? The poison that will get rid of them before planting, if used properly, is as follows:

1 ounce strychnine
1 ounce baking soda
1 heaping tablespoon gloss starch
¾ cup cold water

Mix starch into the cold water and pour mixture into ¾ pint boiling water. This makes creamy paste. Mix Strychnine and baking soda in paste—stir well until completely mixed. Add ¼ pint corn syrup and 1 tablespoon glycerine.

Pour this mixture over 12 quarts wheat.

The above mixture is very poisonous and should be used carefully. This poison should be placed in tin cans, about a tablespoon full of the bait to each can, the top of the can mashed together so that it is possible for the mouse to barely get in. 15 to 20 cans should be scattered over each acre of melon ground. Poisoning should be done immediately, with fresh baits being put out each week to two weeks, until the melons are planted.

TO DEDICATE CANCER HOSPITAL APRIL 26

Dedicatory exercises for the Ellis Fischel State Cancer Hospital at Columbia, will be held at 2 p. m., Friday, April 26, with Gov. Lloyd C. Stark as the principal speaker.

Indigent patients from all parts of Missouri will be treated at the institution, which is the largest of its kind in the Nation as well as the only one west of the Mississippi River.

Other honored guests at the exercises will be Dr. Ludvig Hektoen of Washington, executive director of the National Advisory Cancer Council, and high officials of the PWA, which contributed 45 per cent of the hospital cost.

Creation of the institution is one of the outstanding achievements of the State Democratic Administration.

The planet Mercury completes a trip around the sun every 88 days, and thus has a year that is shorter than a spring or summer on our earth.

GETS RESULTS FROM ADVERTISING

Mrs. Clarence Taylor reported today that she had no difficulty in selling an oil stove after running a one insertion classified ad in the Standard.

Four persons made inquiry in response to the ad and the stove was sold Friday morning.

The European red deer, during the various years of its growth, is known by different names. From its first year until maturity, it is known under the successive titles of knobber, brocket, spayad, staggard, and royal hart.

Bloodhounds were known as staghounds until about a century ago. They owe their name to the fact that they are out for blood.

If water is to be added to an automobile battery, it should be done before the ear is to be run, not after returning from a trip.

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We've "Roped" another winner ..."Lariat Ribs" ... a new fancy Ribbed Sock for Spring.

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Triple-Tailored

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BY Dobbs

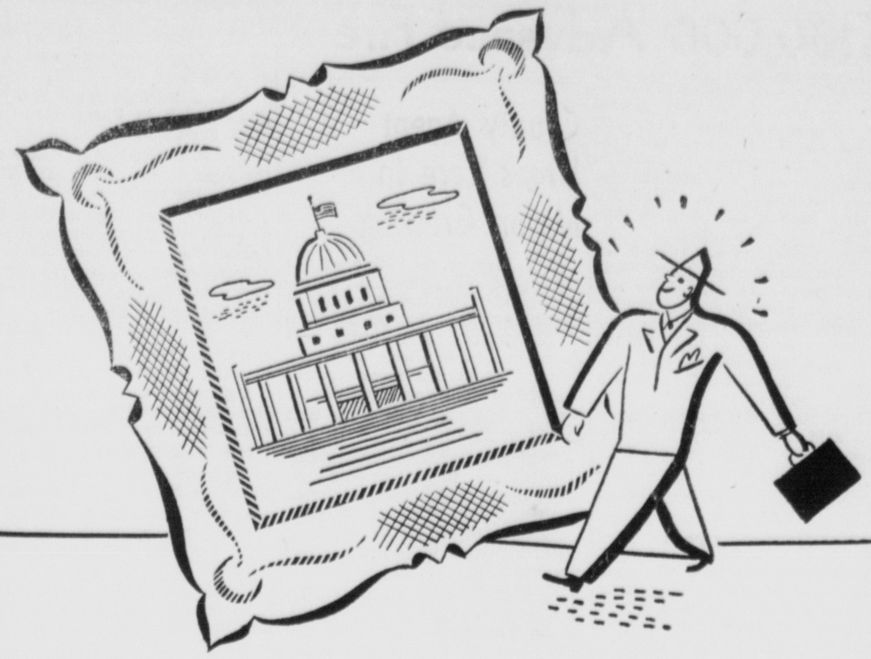


All the smartness of modern streamlining goes into the Dobbs Triple-Tailored hat! ... Its narrowed peak snaps down and *stays* down. Swirling to a graceful upturn in the back, the brim widens out in the approved broad-brim manner. The crown slopes to a low spread-back. The smartest hat you ever tried on.

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No, not at all. For the Bench Made Fifty was deliberately planned for us by Hart Schaffner & Marx several seasons ago, to offer custom quality to men who didn't quite feel equal to custom prices.

Those men accepted Bench Made Fifties enthusiastically —(notice how well the Bench Made appears on the distinguished-looking gentleman on the left) but, in addition, these great suits won the approval of thousands of men who were accustomed to wearing (and paying for) fine tailor-made clothing!

That's how good the Bench Made Fifty Suit is. The excellence of its fabrics and tailoring are matched only by the finest custom made clothes. We invite you to check that statement for yourself. The more you know about fine clothing, the quicker you'll be to recognize Bench Made's value.

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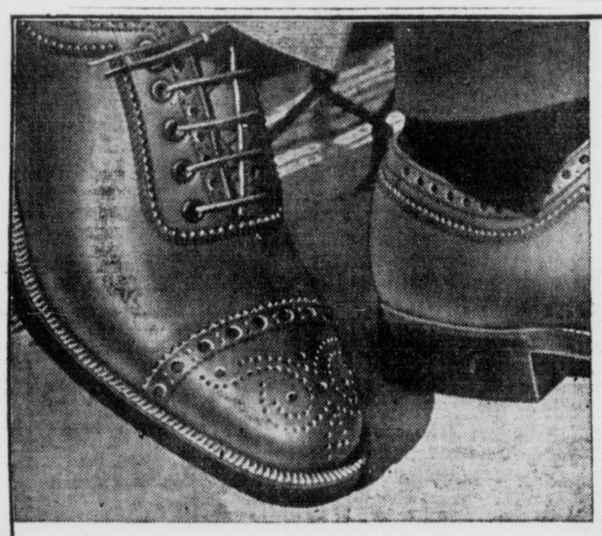
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Missouri Melange

A $12,500 bond issue to provide funds for completion of an addition to the St. James high school was approved 20 to 1 by the voters at an election in mid-March.

"Missed by a mile" is an adage intended to convey the meaning of a comfortable margin, but Deputy County Clark Allen Curtiss says ten times that distance is not a foot too much when a tornado is the subject under discussion. Curtiss, driving with his family, was ten miles from Alton, Ill., when the storm struck there early in March, arriving at the scene in time to assist with rescue work.

Independence, a city of 20,000 population, looks forward to an end to city taxes within two years. The answer is the municipally-owned light and power plant. A recently-announced 50 per cent cut in municipal taxes was the second reduction in two years.

The Mississippi County Women's Democratic Club held a flag-raising at a recent meeting in the home of Mrs. Jewell Combs in East Prairie. The "hundred per cent flag" was paraded as evidence that The Democratic Digest, national publication of Democratic women, now boasts a subscriber in every Mississippi county precinct.

In appreciation of the amusing story of their wedding which Mr. and Mrs. Troy McCoppin wrote for the King City Tri-County News, Editor L. N. Bowman added a year's subscription to his congratulations to the happy couple. Then, explaining "our own society editor couldn't have done a better job of handling this story and we haven't changed so much as a comma of it," he printed the letter, which follow: "March 9, with the cooperation of friends and neighbors and with the aid of a team of horses through the mud and by walking part of the way in gum boots and overalls, we made it out to the slab where waited a (borrowed) machine. Then with a feeling the battle was half over we motored to Clarksdale where a dinner awaited us at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Arnold . . . but no minister. So after changing clothes a bit, and after the use of some soap and water and with renewed determination, we set out for Maysville, where the Rev. Bennett united us in marriage at his home. The bride, dressed in cobalt blue and all that; the groom needing a haircut and the barber shop full on Saturday and us in a hurry, etc.—well, Louise, we are not used to writing for publication so intend this to be just a statement of the facts around which you can build the story if you want to. And from now on until next March we can be found at home on the farm south of town."

Not again in a century will Easter come so early as it did this year, although in 1951 it will be only one day later, March 25. The earliest that Easter can possibly occur, says the Edina Sentinel, is March 22.

Engineering students at the University of Missouri enthusiastically greeted their patron saint, "St. Pat," when he arrived in Columbia by airplane, March 15, and tried hard to conceal the worry they felt. Appearance of 500 "phoney" tickets for the Engineers' dance, distributed like handbills to fraternity and sorority houses, were ample cause for worry.

Gasoline engines have not entirely replaced Maud and Dobbin as tractive power as is attested by the fact that sixty head of horses and mules brought approximately $5,000 in a ready market at the recent sale of the Callaway Sales Association pavilion near Fulton. Top price was $175 for a mare mule. One out-of-state buyer paid $840 for five head of choice mules.

A Carthage man lost half of his flock of forty chickens when they drank water drained from the radiator of his automobile. It contained an anti-freeze fluid with a wood alcohol base.

St. Louis union station red caps have won right to a regular wage and no longer will depend on tips of passengers. The St. Louis Terminal Railroad Association announces a charge of 10 cents will be made for each piece of baggage carried. The association will pay the red caps 30 cents an hour.

Twelve Boy Scout leaders will be added in six of Missouri's eight area councils, as a result of a $37,500 allotment from the Frank Phillips Foundation, Inc. Three men each are to be named to the Central Missouri Council, Columbia, and the Ozark Empire Council, Springfield; two each to the Lake of the Ozarks Council, Jefferson City, and the Southeast Missouri Council, Cape Girardeau, and one each to the Mo.-Kan. Council, Joplin, and the Pony Express Council, St. Joseph.

"A. T. H.", editor of the "Random Remarks" column in the West Plains Journal, explains to a worried reader the reason the pussy willow sprouts are not doing well: "Possibly they were planted so near the dogwood trees that they are afraid of the bark".

TECHNICIAN To GIVE HEALTH LECTURE

Dr. F. L. Sisson, Jr., Sikeston chiropractor, announced today that Dr. R. W. Utberg, expert technician from the Pathometric laboratories in Chicago, would be in his office over Buckner-Ragsdale's store from Monday through Saturday.



Dr. Utberg will give a free health lecture on "Modern Way of Health" Monday at 8 p. m. Because of the limited number that can be accommodated, Dr. Sisson asked that persons desiring to attend phone him and give the number in groups planling to come.

The technician will start making examinations and food tests on Monday and continue through the week.

SUCCESSFUL HUNTERS

Data on the recent open season on antelope in Oregon shows that out of 275 who were issued special licenses to hunt this elusive animal, 236 antelope were taken. This again places the hunter's average above 80 per cent—a figure too high for general hunting conditions but suitable under a controlled cropping program.

Most of the kill was in the area of heaviest concentration. It is believed that next year new areas will be cropped in Oregon.—From The American Wildlife Institute.

WRITING URGE IN NURSERIES IS ENCOURAGED

Proper equipment and decoration in the nursery will often pay abundant dividends by concentrating the attention of the youngsters in this room, thus leaving other parts of the house unmolested.

The urge to write on walls may be overcome by installing in the nursery a blackboard built into the wall, where young kindergarten students may write and draw as much as they care to. This and other nursery improvements may be financed under the Modernization Credit Plan of the Federal Housing Administration. When installing the blackboard it would be well to provide also a ledge under the board to hold erasers and pieces of chalk. This feature wlil tend to prevent those articles from being scattered over the room.

There are 4000 lenses in the eye of the common house fly.

A Better Plan For Sizing Children's Clothes

By Katharine Fisher

Director, Good Housekeeping Institute

"Why must I always buy Johnnie a size 10 suit when he is only 7 years old?" asks one mother. She continues: "And this difference between his actual age and the age marked on the label has existed almost ever since the day he was born. Can't something be done about it?"

Many mothers have experienced a similar problem. Some children do actually wear the size indicated by their age; that is, if they are 6, they are fitted by a size 6, and so on. But since children grow so differently, it is often more by accident than by design that a child's age is an accurate guide to clothing size.

Then, too, because there have been no standard sizes that all manufacturers have agreed to follow, the garments from one source have not been sized like those from another. Your son may be wearing a size 8 suit and a size 10 overcoat.



KATHARINE FISHER
Director of Good Housekeeping Institute

Luckily for everyone concerned with the problem of fitting children correctly, a vast amount of careful work has been done which may lead to the right solution. Under the supervision of the Bureau of Home Economics in Washington, more than 250 trained people went into our schools to take the measurements needed for children's clothing and patterns. This task occupied more than two years' time. The work was directed by Ruth O'Brien, Chief of the Division of Textiles and Clothing of the Bureau. Some of the interesting facts about the project are the following:

More than 147,000 children were measured, both boys and girls. Ages 4 to 17 were included. The work was financed by the WPA. At the peak of the study more than 800 people eligible for relief were given employment. Nineteen colleges and other educational agencies cooperated. Fifteen states and the District of Columbia were covered, in order to learn whether or not children in different parts of the country varied in measurement. Measurements were taken next to the skin with carefully calibrated instruments. All results were carefully checked for accuracy. No such extensive scientific study of body measurements usable in making children's garments has ever before been reported.

After all the figures had been analyzed the Bureau of Home Economics reported the findings:

First: It was definitely shown that a child's age is a poor indication of the size garment that will fit him.

Second. A combination of height and hip or chest measurements was recommended as a basis for sizes of patterns and garments. These two measurements are easy for the mother to take. She needs only a tape measure.

If sizes were based on such measurements, fitting your child would become a simple problem. When it became necessary to replenish your child's wardrobe, you would go about it in two easy stages. First, you would take your child's height and hip or chest measure in inches with a tape measure. Second, leaving the youngster happily at home or in school, you would go to your favorite store and find on the garment label the same two measurements you have noted. Would you then make your selection with greater speed, and with peace of mind as to fit? Could you do away with the usual age-size tag and still feel secure in your choice? Would you be inclined to order by 'phone or by mail if you could mention your child's measurements instead of merely the age size?

Of course you would! But before you can do it, manufacturers and retailers both must know that you want this better way of sizing children's garments. If you are interested in seeing this plan grow until it develops into universal standards—American standards for children's garments, we might term them—you must register your opinion strongly with manufacturers and retailers. The study carried out by the Bureau of Home Economics supplies figures that can be a valuable basis for standard sizing of garments. But the data must be put to use before you will reap the benefit. Here is a good undertaking for your woman's club

WILDLIFE WARFARE

Foreign soldiers who use skis for rapid maneuvers and white suits to make them invisible against the snow are only borrowing an idea from nature.

The snowshoe hare, because it has no defense except speed, is equipped with the wide feet, which enable it to scamper across the snow with the greatest of speed. And this animal, which is sometimes known as the varying hare, changes its fur to white in the winter so it will blend with the background, just as do the soldiers on skis.—From The American Wildlife Institute.

PRAIRIE PUPS' PURPOSE

Prairie dogs apparently have a purpose in life. Recent studies at the Texas Cooperative Wildlife Research unit, supported by the American Wildlife Institute, show that the mounds thrown up by these rodents cover less than 1 per cent of the total area.

In sample plots under observation, gophers threw up an average of 90 mounds per acre each month, or nearly four tons of earth per acre each year. This natural cultivation of the soil is thought to be beneficial.

Do you dare to keep a diary? So many court records are featuring private papers of divorce petitioners, that science studies whether it is foolish or wise to keep intimate records of our lives. An eminent psychologist and a famous attorney show how that little black book may backfire and become your worst enemy. An illustrated double page feature in The American Weekly, the magazine distributed with next Sunday's Chicago Herald-American.

21,431 Take Part In WPA Activity

Participation of 21,431 persons in recreational projects of the Works Project Administration in Southeast Missouri from March 16 to March 31 was announced today by Area Supervisor Cletus Ferguson.

Of the total, 12,081 were children and 9,350 were adults. The projects ranged from the cultural side, such as making rugs on looms, to athletic events for the children.

The projects were Farmington, Delta Civilian Conservation Corps camp, Charleston, white; Cape Girardeau Broadway School; Charleston, negro; Cape Girardeau, Smelterville, Cape Girardeau, negro; Annapolis, game room; Des Arc, game room; Vanduser, Festus, Negro; Anniston, play center; Flat River, Sikeston, play center; Perryville, CCC camp; Festus and DeSoto, music; Annapolis, play center; Ironton, weaving; Ironton, play center; Des Arc, play center and Esther, weaving.

FOR A JAB IN THE RIBS

A policeman was questioning a man pinned under his car in an accident.

"Are you married?"

"No", was the answer. "This is the worst fix I was ever in."

The young couple were gazing into each other's eyes and sighing soulfully.

Suddenly a thought occurred to Jock.

"Ye ken, Maggie lass," he murmured, "I'm no' much tae look at."

"Aye", agreed Maggie, "but ye'll be oot at work most o' the day."

Parsons—They say people with opposite characteristics make the happiest marriages.

Vickers—Yes, that's why I'm looking for a girl with money.

"Frequent water drinking," said the professor, "prevents becoming stiff in the joints."

"Yes," said the co-ed, "but some of the joints don't serve water."—Jackson Cash-Book.

Standard $2.00 per year.

Tells of Killing Her Mother, Who Beat 3 To Death

Los Angeles, April 4.—A mother beat three of her four children to death today with a claw hammer, then was killed herself on a flaming mattress after she had set her hair afire, police reported.

The dead, officers said, are: Mrs. Lolita Davis, 43 years old; Daphne Davis, 10; Debroah Ann, 7, and Marquis, 3.

The fourth child, Chloe, 11, was beaten almost unconscious, but officers expected her to recover.

"Mama thought demons were after her. She thought she had killed my aunt's little girl a long time ago," Chloe sobbed to police.

"She loved us and we loved her. That's the only reason she could have done it. I saw Daphne unconscious in the bath tub. Then mother hit me on the back of the head with a hammer.

"I fought mother and tried to take the hammer away from her. I ran into the kitchen and there I saw my other sister and my little brother dying.

"My mother ran into the hall and set fire to her hair. She fell on a mattress and screamed, "Hit me—I can't stand the pain.'

"I took the hammer and hit her about 20 times and then the hammer broke. I guestss I must have hit her 50 times. I went to a neighbor's house to call Dad. They heard me phone and called police." The father arrived home a few minutes after police had entered the house.

Pa—Johnny, what is this "60" on your report card?

Johnny —I—I—th—think that's the temperature of the schoolroom.

Friends: "When your husband craves a kiss do you always give it to him?"

Jealous Wife: "I wish I knew."

About 70 per cent of the land of American Samoa is forest.

The world's most precious watch belongs to the Pope. It has an estimated value of $50,000.

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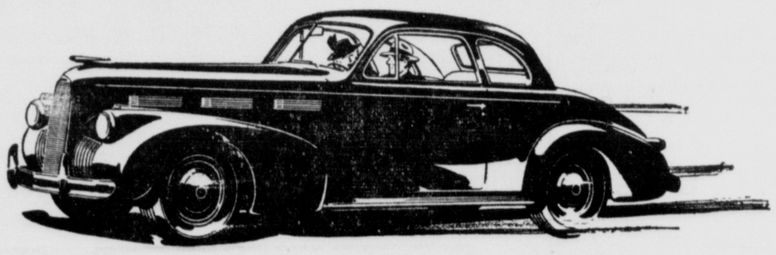
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$1240 *for the Series Fifty Coupe, delivered at Detroit. Sedans start at $1280. Transportation based on rail rates, state and local taxes (if any), optional equipment and accessories—extra. Prices subject to change without notice.*

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Small Kitchen May Handicap The Housewife

Home builders are cautioned by Federal Housing Administration officials not to condense the kitchen so as to make it too small for use. A kitchen can be efficient even though it may not be as small as a Pullman-car kitchen.

Despite the fervor for "step-saving," a happy medium should be maintained between the Pullman kitchen and the old-fashioned kitchen.

The kitchen does double duty. It serves as a cooking center, and at the same time it is a storage place for dishes, utensils, cleaning materials, and other household gadgets and equipment.

Sufficient space for storage is of vital importance in the planning of a kithcen for a small modern home.

HOME VALUE INCREASED BY EXTRA BATH

The question of an extra bath is becoming more important in the life of the small family than most any other question, according to the plumbing authorities.

The morning rush by members of the family getting ready to go to work or to school, and expect to get there on time, is making the problem of an extra bath, or at least, an extra lavatory, of vital importance in thousands upon thousands of homes.

Contrary to the popular conception the space required for an extra bath need not be large, a space 5x5 feet is enough to provide room for a complete bath room equipped with every modern device for cleanliness.

Such a room can sometimes be created from a large closet, or perhaps from the space not needed at the head of a stairway, or some such space that can be spared without sacrifice.

The additional enjoyment obtained from such an installation is almost without price in the manner in which it will add to the happiness and comfort of every member of the family. The cost today is very low and can be financed over a long period so that it will be paid for without strain on the family purse.

Seven to eight p. m. was the peak hour for fatal acidents on Missouri's state-maintained highways during the month of February, 1940. Low point for accidents was from 4 to 5 a. m.

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Smoke Hazard Is Increased

The use of noncombustible materials in ducts and filters of air-conditioning systems is being widely recommended in view of the fact that smoke is distributed rapidly by the blows which force air through the ducts.

Smoke in any part of the building is quickly transmitted throughout the building, thus greatly increasing the damage from smoke and indicating the possibilities of health hazards, according to the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

Federal Housing Administration officials warn that whenever a duct system is installed for carrying warm air, the same duct can also carry fire. It is advisable to provide automatic fire dampers in the ducts at several points within the system.

Correct Quantity of Heat Important

With the importance of the correct quantity of heat as a vital ingredient in all forms of cooking being increasingly acknowledged by home economists and home makers, a cooking appliance that provides exact temperatures in the oven, broiler and on top heating units makes it a simple matter to obtain good results from recipes for every variety of good.

During the past decade, home economists have developed a standardization of measurements, temperatures, timing and various food preparation practices. Nowadays, nothing need be left to guesswork, for which modern cooking appliances even "heat" can be accurately measured.

"How much 'measured heat' contributes to results is demonstrated in the 1940 Frigidaire electric ranges which are equipped with sensitive and accurate controls for regulation of heat in the oven, broiler, surface units, and deep well cooker," said F. D. Lair, local Frigidaire electric range dealer. "For instance, surface units provide five levels of heat, each level being the precise required for one of the basic cooking operations of fast pre-heating, frying and browning, cooking in small utensils, active cooking and simmering.

"Besides provision of accurate surafce cooking temperatures there is, of course, an oven and broiler heat control of unusual sensitivity that maintains the exact heat indicated on the control dial. This prevents variations in oven temperature and assures uniformly good results."—adv.

Breakfast Bar Is Convenient

Recurring breakfast-getting sometimes annoys the housewife whose family breakfasts at different times, and it is in homes of this type that "breakfast bars" are most popular.

"Breakfast bars" are now being built into many new homes, but that does not mean that existing homes cannot have the convenience they afford. One may be added to the kitchen or breakfast room of any home at little expense. A flat-topped surface a little higher than the average table liberally supplied with electric outlets, is the essential piece and may be built into the room with funds obtainable from qualified lending institutions under the Modernization Credit Plan of the Federal Housing Administration. Special stools and such electrical appliances as grills, waffle irons, and coffee percolators complete the bar's necessary accessories.

TIGHT STORM SASHES AID FIGHT ON FROST

The installation of storm sash, tight enough to prevent cold air striking the inner windows, will aid immeasurably in combating the formation of Winter Frost.

Frost is formed by the condensation and freezing of moisture from the air upon the cold surfaces of the window panes.

Obstruction of vision is the least important trouble caused by frost. More serious is the possible damage that can be caused by melting frost. When frost melts, water runs down over the woodwork and plaster, damaging the finish on the woodwork and the wall decorations.

Under the Federal Housing Administration's Modernization Credit Plan, a home owner may obtain funds from private lending institutions approved by the FHA and install a tight storm sash on all the windows of the house.

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SAVORY STEW

There's a certain something about a good homemade stew. The kind where the meat juices seep into the heart of the potatoes and the carrots get all full of the flavor of marrow. I tell you, ambrosia seems like pretty slim pickings to a man who's been brought up on real honest stew. There's a wholesome, heartening quality to a dish like that. Or, if you fancy a little extra heft and savor in your stews, maybe you'd like to thicken the broth with a full-flavored cream soup—cream of mushroom soup with its satin smooth sauce and rich, almost gamy flavor of fresh mushrooms. Here now, is a stew of that sort made of tender little nubbins of veal cooked with potatoes and onions in a subtly seasoned cream of mushroom sauce. You're sure to like it served so:

FRENCH STEW

Cut into 1-inch pieces—

2½ lbs. veal (inexpensive cut).

Sear, stirring often for 5 minutes, in—

2 tablespoons butter. Do not expect veal to brown.

Add—

2 cups hot water
1 large onion, finely diced
2 cups raw diced potatoes
5-6 baby carrots, left whole
1½ teaspoons salt
¼ teaspoon pepper.
½ teaspoon paprika.

Cover and cook over low heat or bake in a moderate oven (375° F.) 1 hour or until meat is quite tender.

Blend, then add to meat—

4 tablespoons flour
1 small (10 oz.) can cream of mushroom soup.

Continue cooking on top of stove, stirring constantly, 4 to 5 minutes.



BAKED BEANS, NEW STYLE

About this time of the year the folks back home used to say, "Well, the back of the winter's about broken now". Our food supply was too, though, and spring was still a long way off. In those days our food went by seasons a whole lot more than it does now, and toward the end of the winter fresh vegetables and meat were pretty scarce. But I think we didn't mind much as long as we could count on having a big pot of beans once a week. Good old-fashioned beans baked in the oven 'til they were tender and mealy and rich with the flavor of sugar and molasses and a fat chunk of salt pork. That was one of our favorite suppers then and it still is. But nowadays, when we want a little variety we just add a few ingredients from the pantry shelf—a bit of left-over pork to a can of oven-baked beans. You'd like it, too, served so:

BOSTON BEANS WITH BARBEQUE SAUCE

Combine and heat thoroughly—

1 medium (18 oz.) can oven-baked beans, Boston style
¾ cup finely-chopped cooked pork.

Mix together, then heat—

½ cup tomato ketchup
2 tablespoons India relish.
¼ teaspoon Worcestershire sauce.

Pour sauce over beans and serve.



LIFE SAVER FOR LENT

If this business of planning meals for Lent is wearing you down, here's an idea for a main course supper dish that you'll welcome with open arms. It's one of those big, hearty casserole dishes that makes practically a main course in itself—macaroni, chili sauce and shrimp. First off, you'll want a 17-ounce tin of delicious cooked macaroni in cream sauce with cheese. Spoon it out of the tin, combining with the shrimp and chili sauce as suggested here:

MACARONI, CHILI SAUCE AND SHRIMP

Clean—

1 5¾-oz. can shrimp then flake ½ of them.

Arrange half—

1 medium (17 oz.) can cooked macaroni in cream sauce with cheese in bottom of shallow casserole.

Spread with—

Chili sauce, using about 3 tablespoons. Sprinkle flaked shrimp lightly over chili sauce. Repeat layers of macaroni and chili sauce.

Arrange the remaining whole shrimps on top, then sprinkle with—

Soft bread crumbs.

Bake in a moderate oven (350° F.) 20 minutes.

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Training Camp Dates Are Set

Maj. Gen. Percy P. Bishop, cammanding general of the seventh Corps Area at Omaha, Nebr., announced today that Citizens' Military Training Camps would be held this summer at eight points in the area.

The camps will be held from July 2 to July 31 at Fort Crook, Nebr., for infantry; Fort Des Moines, Iowa, for infantry and field artillery; Fort Riley, Kas., for cavalry and colored infantry and Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, for infantry; from July 5 to Aug. 3 at Fort Leavenworth, Kas., for infantry; Fort Lincoln, N. D., for infantry; Fort Snelling, Minnesota, for infantry and Camp Joseph T. Robinson, for infantry.

Approved applicants will be sent to camps nearest their homes. Young men between the ages of 17 and 24 who are physically fit are eligible for the first year or basic course. All necessary expenses wil be paid by the government, including transportation to and from camp.

Interested persons should apply to the CMTC officer, Federal building, Ohaha, or any CMTC representative.

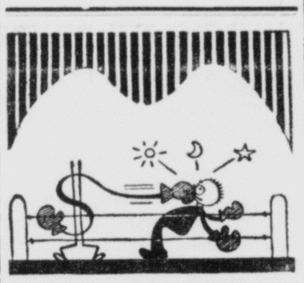
COMPACT TRAYS COMBINE SINK WITH LAUNDRY

Owners of small homes which contain no basement need not be deprived of the convenience of laundry trays. A compact new unit is being manufcatured which combines laundry tub and kitchen sink.

The unit is divided into two parts, one of sink depth and the other of lower depth for laundry work. They are available in several models and, where desired, may be obtained with a cabinet enclosure. The home owner may install a fixture of this type in his home, using funds from lending institutions qualified under the Federal Housing Administration's Modernization Credit Plan.

Pedestrian highway fatalities have increased the first two months of 1940 over 1939. Passenger fatalities have decreased.

Sixty-eight drivers involved in automobile accidents on Missouri highways during February 1940 were traveling on the wrong side of the road. This bad practice to be fatal in 14% of these accidents.



AN ACCIDENT always strikes TWICE, once in the anatomy, and once in the pocketbook.

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Poor Grading May Cause Wet Cellar

Poor grading may be the cause behind many damp basements. The finish grade should slope to drain water away from the building, and where this does not occur the home owner should reconstruct the grade to accomplish proper drainage. Funds may be obtained from qualified lending institutions under the Modernization Credit Plan of the Federal Housing Administration to be used for grading work.

All backfilling adjacent to the foundation of a house should be placed in layers approximately 12 inches in thickness, and each layer should be puddled and tamped before additional layers are placed. Where the ground-moisture condition warrants it, drain tile with joints left open and covered with tar paper or burlap should be laid next to the footings and sloped to drain the water to a dry well or sewer or other outlet. The drain tile should be covered with at least 12 inches of broken stone or gravel. All construction debris should be removed from the trench before filling, and the finish grade should not come within eight inches of any wood construction.

Ah, the arms of Morpheus! How blissful, yet how costly! As Donald Carr drove up to a railroad crossing at La Porte, Ind., a long freigth train started to pass. Carr stopped his automobile, relaxed and waited. Soon the rhythmic rumble of the freight cars as they rolled past lulled him into a deep slumber. Twenty minutes later when the freight was many miles away Carr was still sleeping peacefully. He slept on and on until police happened by, awakened him, then discovered he had no lights, no driver's license, no 1940 auto tags.

Dealer Sells 74 Head of Mules

R. D. Clayton, the mule man, sold 74 head of mules Saturday to C. N. Elliott, farmer living 10 miles southeast of Morehouse in New Madrid county, and to E. E. Jolly of Catron.

Elliott purchased 50 head of one and two-year-olds and Jolly 24 head of two-year-olds.

The mules are to be pastured and fed for market this fall.

Jolly, who has past experience in grazing both cattle and mules, said that there was no question but that the young mule is the best security.

"Build-Up" Good News For Suffering Women

Much of women's periodic distress may be unnecessary!

Many who suffer from headaches, nervousness, cramp-like pain, other symptoms of *functional dysmenorrhea* due to malnutrition are helped by CARDUI.

Main way it helps relieve periodic distress is by increasing appetite and flow of gastric juice. Thus it often aids digestion; helps build strength, energy, resistance to periodic disturbances.

Others find help for periodic discomfort this way: Start a few days before and take CARDUI until "the time" has passed. Women have used CARDUI more than 50 years.

Coleman Buys 17 Bulls

New Madrid, Mo.—E. P. Coleman of Sikeston bought 17 bulls from the Bonne Terre Farming and Cattle Company at Farmington April 1, County Agent Herlington announced.

Judge Xenophone Caverno of Canalou purchased a bull of mixed Domino and Anxiety breeding from H. C. Detring of Knob Lick.

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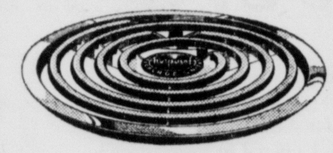
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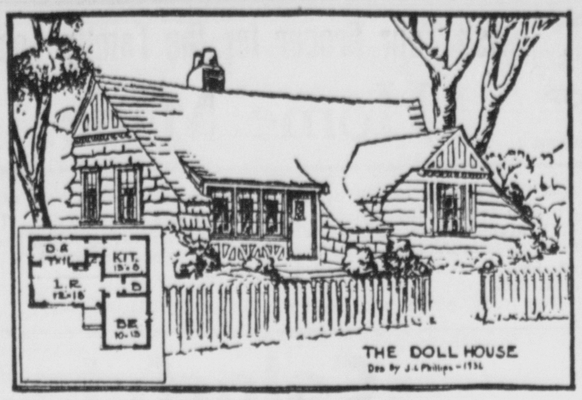
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To those who have dreamed for years of a lovely abode, where they could find peace, security, happiness, an outlet for the universal hunger for beauty—this "Doll House" is dedicated.

"Homestead" is its name and "home" is invisibly written in every nook and cranny of its interior. Passers-by who know that home is not just "where one hangs his hat," will secretly salute as kindred spirits the occupants, as this lovely house smiles at them from behind its rustic fence.

Homestead is the delightful retreat of your fondest dreams. An ideal home for a small family, it is modern to the Nth degree, "pretty as a picture." Cost—less than $3,000!

Each time you enter its inviting door your eyes will sparkle with pride, your heart tingle with delight at its homey atmosphere, its quiet charm, its convenience and coziness.

Against the congenial background of pine-paneled walls and rough painted ceilings, you can make your drapes and furniture a symphony of subdued tans and brown tints. To create a graceful impression of old-world charm in a twentieth century setting, there is no medium so effective as good wood-wainscoted walls.

Cheery and tranquil as a bright spring day are the bedrooms, with their quaint Colonial wallpaper and beamed ceilings, painted a smart oyster-shell white. And the paper is washable, too!

An air of solidarity, permanence, "settled-down" comfort is conveyed by the design of inside doors, all of which are random width pine planks with hardware in black rion.

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LIGHTS AT ENTRANCE GIVE HOSPITABLE TOUCH

To the aproaching visitor, a light at the entrance of a home is like an outstretched hand of welcome. The loveliest house looks forbidding and gloomy without such lights.

Entrances of city or suburban homes should be illuminated softly, yet clearly, and special care should be taken to place the light so that the street number is made visible by the glow.

A light should be suspended from the ceiling of porches over which one must traverse to reach the doorway. Twin lights may be used where the approach is through a portico or from the street.

The light switch should be conveniently close to the door.

HALL CLOSETS ARE ALWAYS GREAT ASSETS

Nowadays it is such a simple matter, and so inexpensive, to install extra hall closets — that every home should have plenty of them.

Manufacturers who produce finished lumber instalaltions make corner closets in innumerable forms and dimensions.

Even less expensive, for the handy man, are the closets he can easily construct himself from the many modern, easy-to-handle materials now available; plywoods, wallboards, composition boards.

Of course, these extra storage spaces are the greatest imaginable conveniences.

HANDSOME PANELS OF VENEER, PLYWOOD ARE INEXPENSIVE

A growing demand for wood in the home is being demonstrated daily, according to building contractors. Various plywoods and veneers and even wall-papers with wood grain, are winning favor of the builders as well as the home-owners.

This is perhaps due to the mellow effects that can be produced with wood, and the economy of the installation.

ALUMINUM PAINT FOILS MOISTURE

More and more builders are coming to see the advantage of priming wood outside with an aluminum paint to prevent entrance of moisture.

Because wood is given to absorbing moisture, it is wise to prevent this by giving the surface a coat of metal which will effectively prevent the entrance of moisture in the future, and so prevent decay, peeling and blistering.

DURABILITY VITAL FOR PORCH STEPS

Steps get more wear than any other outside part of the house. Not only should they be built with a view to comfortable ascent, but they should also be made of durable material, to withstand the heavy usage to which they are subject.

For the brick house, steps of stone are ideal, because they give the apeparance of the structure character and last almost indefinitely.

Equally durable are steps of concrete. In any locality there are sure to be many workmen specializing in building them. The large cement associations furnish plans for steps upon request, free.

ROOF DEFINES CHARACTER OF DWELLING

All of the exterior parts of a home stamp, or help to stamp, the type of dwelling it is supposed to represent. Probably the most important feature, and the one least considered, is the roof. Unless the roof is architecturally in keeping with the rest of the house it will take away from the picture the very atmosphere intended to create; something will be missing from the finished result.

It would be well to keep in mind that certain materials and textures do certain definite things to a roof asbestos adds softness and color, when used as a shingle, and is fine for most any type of home you would build. Wood shingles, stained for color requirements, will also fill the bill satisfactorily for roofing a Colonial or English type of home.

Tile and slate are more in keeping for the large and dignified house but they are hard in texture and less adaptable for the limited area of a small home roof, say builders specializing in small dwellings.

Harmony of line and color are the objectives today and the time of "hit or miss" color effects without regard to the structure below is gone.

NEW DRAPES WILL RECREATE ROOM

Nothing will do more to freshen up the room, or do more to recreate a harmonious color scheme, than a brand new set of draperies. There are so many delightful patterns in every kind of drapery material that one may find something to fit any particular problem among the chintz and cretones, or among the more elaborate velvets and satins, now being shown in furnishing shops.

With due care, and the help of your furnishing salesman, you can add an entirely new atmosphere to any room where a definite color scheme is established by certain pieces that must remain in the room.

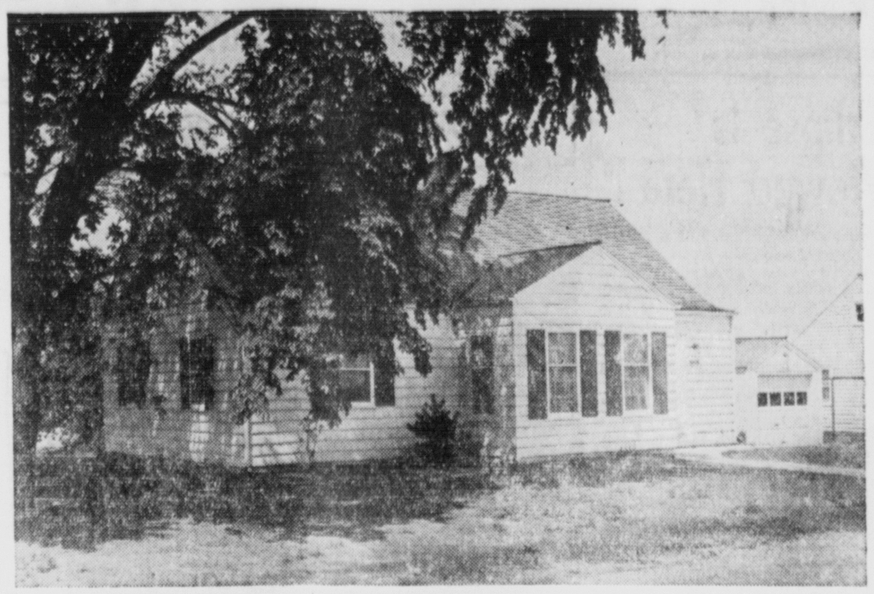
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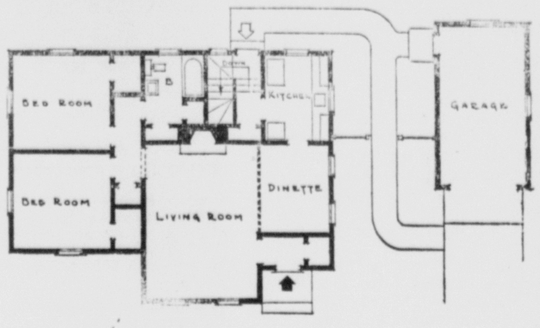
Floors kept well cleaned of "ground in" dirt and waxed regularly will present an appearance that we can be proud to show off at any time to visitors if given regular attention before they become worn down to the natural wood.

After floors do get down to the wood only a resurfacing will restore them. Resurfacing is not costly, and with the newer machines, not very dusty. If the floor is oak refill and shellac, then rub down before waxing. Such a finish will endure for years if kept waxed regularly. It will also become more mellow and beautiful with every year you give it proper attention.

Clapboard Holds Popularity



That clapboard retains its popularity as an exterior material is shown by the last Federal Housing Administration figures available, which show that two-fifths of all new houses on which the FHA insured mortgages have been built of wood. The most favorable monthly terms in financing this home, which is valued at $5,500, are through a 25-year mortgage insured by the Federal Housing Administration. This would require only a 10 per cent down payment and monthly payments of less than $30, exclusive of local taxes and hazard insurance.



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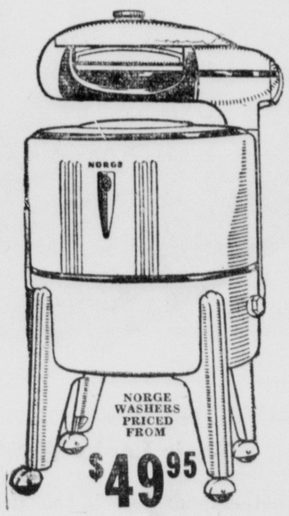
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Suit Against City is Up For Decision

Circuit Judge Frank Kelly had under advisement today the suit of Ralph Wallace of Carbondale, Ill., against the City of Sikeston and J. W. Mathis, city collector.

Wallace, who was arrested for selling in the city without license, brought suit to recover a $10 fine assessed him in police court and the $16.25 license cost.

W. P. Wilkerson, his attorney, contended at a hearing before Judge Kelly at Benton Friday that the sale for which Wallace was arrested was in interstate commerce and was therefore exempt from the city license law.

City Attorney Robert A. Dempster represented the city at the hearing at which Police Judge A. B. Jewell and Policeman W. C. McManus testified.

Wallace was arrested in connection with a sale of roofing and siding to the Church of God.

Judge Kelly found for Clarence B. Perry of Chaffee in a suit brought by Myrdie Perry for seperate maintenance.

Estimate of

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Health — Mayfield, Lawrence and Zacher.

Waterworks—Lawrence, Matthews and Frank S. Miller.

Lights—Matthews, Miller and E. H. Smith.

Police, fire and building—Miller, Thomas F. Rafferty and Matthews.

Street and sewer—Zacher, Rafferty and Charles H. Butler.

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Finance—Butler, Zacher and Mayfield.

Central League Is Organized

Organization of the Central League, second baseball loop to be organized by the Works Project Administration recreational division in Southeast Missouri, was perfected at a meeting held at Chaffee Thursday night.

Entries are Greenbrier, Jackson, Delta, Chaffee, Perkins, Advance and Zelma. Sedgewickville has notified that it expects to become the eighth team in the circuit.

Leon Kinder of Perkins was named secretary-treasurer of the league at the organization meeting. Play will start April 21 at 2 p. m. A schedule will be worked out as soon as the eighth club is formed.

Representatives of the circuit decided to meet the first Monday of each month at 8:30 p. m. in Chaffee.

The league was the second to be organized in the Southeast Missouri area. The Southeast Missouri League was formed here Wednesday. Both loops will be affiliated with the Missouri Amateur Baseball Association.

Cletus Ferguson, WPA area supervisor of recreation, announced the following regulations for teams:

All players must be residents of the community in which they play.

No player can be paid.

Players may try out with semi-pro teams and then apply for reinstatement to amateur standing before July 15.

Players who have played less than 50 games in organized professional baseball as a catcher, infielder or outfielder, or who have pitched less than 75 innings, may be reinstated to full amateur standing. Those with more experience may, by fulfilling certain conditions, apply for reinstatement as "classmen." No team may have more than three classmen.

For championship tournament play, a player must have appeared in the lineup of his club in at lesat five games.

That scurvy fellow Iscariot got the works again. In a churchyard a Plymouth, N. C., are 12 trees, each named after a Disciple. Recent examination showed that all were still in good shape except one. Yep, you guessed it. The tree named Judas had been hit by lightning.

Dr. Joseph K. Folsom, sociologist at Vassar College, put reverse English on Priscilla's advice to John Alden "Why don't you speak for yourself, John", handed it out to modern girls. The best way for the miss of today not to miss the kind of a husband she wants, he sagely propounded, is to look the field over, make a selection, then do her own proposing.

Suffers Knee Hurt in Wreck

Jim Colvin, manager of the Sikeston Hatchery, sustained a knee fracture at 10:30 p. m. Saturday in an automobile collision two miles south of the Colonial tavern on U. S. Highway 61. He was taken to the St. Francis hospital at Cape Girardeau.

John McMullin was taking Colvin to Cape Girardeau when the mishap occurred. He was not hurt but his sedan was heavily damaged by the impact with another car.

McMullin said that the crash occurred when the other car cut across to turn around at a time when he was attempting to pass it. The car, bearing Chaffee residents, was not so heavily damaged and none of its occupants apparently hurt seriously. Neither machine overturned.

Raymond Pfefferkorn, 30, of Chaffee was driving the other car. He was accompanied by Miss Wilma Halter and Mr. and Mrs. Melborne Anselm.

Miss Halter suffered a bruised shoulder, Mrs. Anselm, a foot bruise and head abrasion and her husband a head bruise. Pfefferkorn escaped injury.

Chicks Organize For Softball Season's Play

Plans for the approaching playing season were discussed at a get-together session of the Sikeston Chicks, girls' softball team, in the Hudson cafe Friday night.

Those present were Ida Marie Ables, Marjorie Tope, Wilda Leffler, Mary Lou Swanagon, Imogene Leffler, Mavoureen Cummins, Elizabeth Wagner, Mary Wagner, and Camille O'Connor. Helen Lee and Wanda Mae Hinton were unable to attend.

The first practice will be held at 4 p. m. Friday at the grade school.

Manager A. B. Jewell asks that any girl interested in playing come out for practice.

Moons team from Cape Girardeau will be consolidated with the Chicks Thursday night. Arrangements have been made for the Chicks to play at Cape Girardeau every Thursday evening in the league.

Jewell said that he would ask the Junior Chamber of Commerce to set aside one night every week for the girls to play here.

A fanatic is a person who is highly enthusiastic about something in which you are not interested.

Eclipse Is Viewed Here

Peaceful Sikeston had a partial blackout Sunday.

There was nothing warlike about it. Just the moon making one of its passages between the sun and earth. At it's peak the eclipse was about 74 per cent complete, that amount of old Sol being blotted out.

The sky display came at a climax of a week end of rain and cool spring weather that brought out topcoats and made the budding plum, peach and red bud trees look a little forlorn against drab heavens.

Clouds played peekaboo during the course of the eclipse, permitting at times through a cloudy film a glimpse of nature's show with the naked eye. Most of the time it was necessary to resort to smoked glasses. Hundreds saw the eclipse between 2:30 and 4 p. m. It was the first big time solar show since 1865.

Rainfall of 1.15 inches over the week end was reported by Weather Observer Harry Young. The mercury dipped to 36.

Maximum and minimum temperatures recorded by him at 7 a. m. for the preceeding 24 hours periods the past four days: Friday, 74 and 40; Saturday, 55 and 36; Sunday, 53 and 41 and Monday, 63 and 41.

Vote to Move Courthouse

Greenville, Mo., April 7.—The Wayne County Court has issued an order for relocation of the Courthouse at the new site for the town of Greenville, two miles north, where the people last December 5 voted to move to get this county seat out of the Wappapello Dam basin.

This action of the court cleared the way for sale of lots to residents of this 124-year-old town, by a Citizen's Committee named to handle property sales.

In approving the new location, the court is believed to have made the first move to relocate Greenville, since most persons had contended they would not relocate their overlooking what will be the Wappapello Lake, unless the Courthouse also was moved.

Condemnation action was started some time ago in Federal Court at Cape Girardeau by the government to obtain the land on which the Courthouse is located. More recently similar action was taken to get the public school grounds.

George B. Snider, supervisor of WPA in this district, urged public co-operation in bringing about removal of the town, which now has a population of about 500. He said 375 WPA laborers in Wayne County, and 244 men on blanket road projects, would be used to help build the new model Greenville.

The War Department has appraised the Courthouse at $63,888 and the Jail Building at $6000. The school property was appraised at $82,307. If this money is made available soon, construction of the new buildings can be started within the next 60 days.

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Woman's Club Meet Postponed

The Sikeston Women's club meeting, originally scheduled for this afternoon at the city library, has been postponed because of the death of C. C. White, whose funeral services were to be conducted today. The meeting has been set tentativly for next Monday afternoon at the library.

Parents Asked To Look for Mumps

Parents should watch their children closely for symptoms of mumps, Mrs. Della Poe, city nurse, admonished today.

She reported that a few cases had been found in the schools yesterday. Mumps are highly infectious and children should be closely observed.

Mrs. Poe said that parents could be of great help in preventing spread of the disease if they check children, who have not had the disease, in the morning and at noon.

Symptoms to look for are a slight rise in temperature, slight nausea, pain in angle of jaw, and in front of ear. The disease is communicable as long as any swelling appears, usually for two weeks.

Building permits issued in February for the 215 regularly reporting cities had an estimated total of $90,508,453, Dun & Bradstreet announces. This was a rise of 6.9 per cent over January's total and 11.2 per cent above the $81,383,080 recorded in February last year.

One Injured In Smash-Up

An automobile-truck crash at the intersection of Woodlawn street and Park Avenue yesterday shortly after noon resulted in a bruised and lacerated knee for Oda Masters.

Charles Wise of Crowder, driver of the truck, was not injured.

Masters was driving a coach, belonging to his employer, Abe Shainberg. The coach, which was damaged extensively, tilted over by the force of the impact, struck a tree on the east side of Park avenue, then righted itself. Some glass in the car was shattered, fenders bent and the body scratched.

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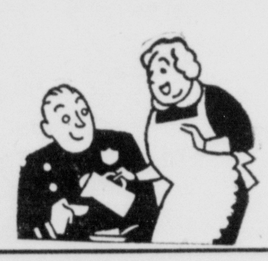


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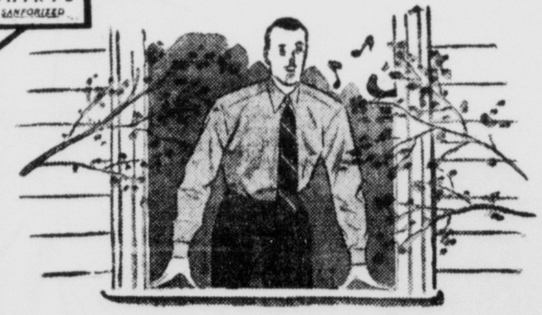
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